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**Topic 1. Sustainability of current and future forestry operations in NSW**

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The sustainable use of our forests should be encouraged. Forestry supports jobs and communities through industry, management, weed and fire suppression, environmental research and monitoring.

I work in milling (15 years). The products I mill are from forests that are regrown and harvested again and again over time. The trees are not clear felled, this is not forest clearing. Forest clearing is when the trees are not regrown and the land use is changed. State forests remain forests.

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**Topic 2. Environmental and cultural values of forests, including threatened species and Aboriginal cultural heritage values**

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The forest industry supports the community through jobs, of course, but also identity. The people who work in forestry spend their money in the towns and use services, keeping them viable.

The environmental values of the forests remain after logging of both private and public land. The operations are done with permissions from the government, breaching the conditions leads to fines.

Special conditions are in place around threatened species and areas with special habitat values.

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**Topic 3. Demand for timber products, particularly as relates to NSW housing, construction, mining, transport and retail**

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Where I mill the products that are targeted are products like flooring, also decking. Products that are used for both new builds and renovations.

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**Topic 4. The future of softwood and hardwood plantations and the continuation of Private Native Forestry in helping meet timber supply needs**

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The products we mill aren't available from pine or plantation timbers without lots of extra manufacturing or preservation (chemicals and energy use).

Half of the wood comes from private resource. I don't believe there would be the capacity to supply all of the wood needed for the mill. Especially if the rest of the mills in NSW are also looking for more private wood.

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**Topic 5. The role of State Forests in maximising the delivery of a range of environmental, economic and social outcomes and options for diverse management, including Aboriginal forest management models**

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State forests are multiuse forests, these uses include timber harvesting. State forests are regrown and harvested repeatedly. The trees are selectively harvested and regrown

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**Topic 6. Opportunities to realise carbon and biodiversity benefits and support carbon and biodiversity markets, and mitigate and adapt to climate change risks, including the greenhouse gas emission impacts of different uses of forests and assessment of climate change risks to forests**

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Opportunities for future use of forests aren't threatened by small areas of selective logging, especially when the entire estate is considered as a whole.