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

I think the sustainability of current forestry practises is terrible. There are numerous groups of citizens who are having to spend hours, days, months defending areas of forest from forest logging. Future forestry operations sole focus should be plantation logging, and not by first cutting into native or returning native forest but by utilising maintained plantations, with the aim of actually minimising the industry significantly. Habitat is endangered, native flora and fauna are endangered, the climate is endangered. Forestry is not viable fpr a sustainable future.

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

The environmental value of forests is priceless in my opinion. Habitat for our incredible animals and plants that sustain life, capture carbon and offer respite from everyday life is vital, immeasurable in its importance.

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

I think there are alot of alternatives available in housing and construction in transport in retail and mining is another area that is no longer a sustainable industry so timber products being used for another unsustainable industry seems doubly ridiculous.

I'm thinking hempcrete fast growing, limited water use, can utilise the huge amounts of degraded farm land and currently cleared forest without the need to clear more space, offers an industry that current forestry workers might transition into, is exportable.

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

This seems like a faulty sentiment. The focus needs to be on ways we can minimise our timber needs in favour of more sustainable options

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

I think the role of state forests needs to shift from maximising its economic driven focus to maximising the safety of native forests as essential habitat in the mitigation of climate change

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

I believe once again that the forestry industry's focus needs a critical shift away from an economic focus to an environmental and mitigation focus.