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

I work in the timber industry and have done for 24 years. Forestry in NSW is sustainably managed under state policy that dictates management outcomes.

Forestry in NSW supports communities through jobs and industry, reduced timber supply will threaten jobs. In my time in the industry, I have noticed log quality has become worse, I believe this is a result of the better forest country being removed from production as a result of the RFA's.

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

The forest industry is a part of the community identity in my region, they are managed to maintain environmental values (plants, animals, habitat).

Forest should be managed for recreation, timber and environmental values using science and indigenous cultural management

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

The native forest timber products we produce are for specialty products such as flooring. If hardwood timber products are not milled in Australia they will be imported from countries with poor environmental protection laws.

Our mill gets most its timber from native forests; the products I make can't be made from pine

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

There won't be enough wood produced from plantations and private forests if state forests are closed to harvesting.

The timber from native forests, pine plantations and hardwood plantations are all different, not interchangeable.

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

Forest should be managed for recreation, timber and environmental values using indigenous and scientific management practices.

State forests allow for diverse recreational opportunities such as camping and 4WDs, this brings money to our region through tourism

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

Fire is a threat to the forests and all of the values we hope to have from the forest. Unmanaged forests have a higher fire risk. Fire is a risk to forests, and their animals