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

I've worked in the industry a long time; it supports the town. If the industry wasn't sustainably managed the forest would be paddock and the town wouldn't have timber industry. The forest is managed to regenerate and grow back healthy. The forests aren't clear felled. Land clearing for agriculture and housing estates is not sustainable.

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

Managing for the environment and cultural values, animals and plants is obviously in the code, but also at front of mind for foresters. Managing the forest for future generations is not only doable through locking the gate on the forestry. If more people knew about forest management, we wouldn't be having these enquiries.

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

Then demand for product won't stop if the forest stops being harvested. Like meat comes from the supermarket shelf, not an animal. The consumer stomping on their hardwood floor and banging their fist on their hardwood table are removed from the fact that their products came from the sustainably managed forest.

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

There isn't enough PNF being managed for timber production to replace State forest logs. Plantation hardwood isn't old or big enough to replace native forest wood. Pine is different to hard wood

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

Let state forests remain managed as they are. Update management based on science and include Aboriginal forest management. Don't make management decisions based on emotion.

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

Opportunities lie in helping the public understand how a forest grows, where their products come from and the cost of alternates such as steel or orangutang wood - wood from indo's forests.