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

I fully support an end to native forest logging and a future based on sustainable plantations. Logging of native forests is leading to the extinction of species, such as the Greater Glider and Koala and so cannot be described as sustainable. And continued logging will most likely contribute to the extinction of forest-dependent wildlife.

The 2019/20 fires have made this situation much more urgent and serious. As a Rural Fire Service (RFS) volunteer who went out on around 18 strike teams during these fires I feel particularly passionate about this. Seeing bushfire-affected forest logged so soon after the fires made me wonder why we risked our lives to protect them in the first place. It seems incredulous and so short-sighted.

I also live in a place that was once logged heavily for red cedar and then cleared for farms. We only have remnants of rainforest left. We need to do everything we can to keep what we do have left. I love the rainforest with all my heart and want to see NSW's forests protected.

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

We need healthy forests for holding carbon, cleaning our water, providing habitat, improving fire management, providing recreation, spiritual connection and logging native forests damages all these values.

Forests are vital refuges for many threatened species that rely on mature, intact forests.

Forests provide important services for the environment and regional communities, such as:

- Water quality and flow regulation, important for water quality, fishing and tourism.
- Recreational values for locals and visitors.
- Cultural and spiritual significance, especially for indigenous communities.
- Habitat connectivity, supporting biodiversity and ecosystem health.

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

There is no longer any need to log public native forests to build houses.

Plantations can supply our high quality and composite timber products

Shifting to plantation timber reduces pressure on native forests, supporting sustainable industry practices

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

Hardwood and softwood plantations already provide 91% of Australia's log production. -

Investment in hardwood plantations on already cleared land would supply timber products into the future

Shifting to higher-value plantations can better meet timber needs.

Ending public forest subsidies would boost sustainable timber production on private lands.

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

Logging public native forests is costing the taxpayer millions and leading to permanent damage to our forests.

Healthy native forests provide essential water resources.

Protecting and restoring State Forests will increase the economic value through tourism, carbon storage, job creation and recreational opportunities.

The Forestry Corporation is currently financially unsustainable, relying on government support and yielding less timber compared to managed plantations.

Diverse forest management, particularly Aboriginal models, can enhance the cultural and social value of forests.

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

Logging in native forests releases large amounts of carbon, contributing to climate change.

Stopping logging allows forests to recover, helping them store more carbon and support climate goals.

Healthy forests are essential for reducing the impacts of climate change like wildfires and drought.

By stopping logging, forests can play a large role in mitigating climate risks and supporting opportunities in carbon markets.