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

I do not believe the logging of native forests is sustainable even with selective logging. Ref. Prof. David Lindenmyer, Bernie Krause

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

There is absolutely no environmental benefit to logging native forest which can never be fully replaced. There is a need to keep what is left for all the biodiversity protection reasons and also for the protection of aboriginal knowledge so the potential to impart that knowledge is not lost.

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

This should be met by plantation timber

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

This should apply to maintenance only of natural forest and the production management of plantation timber. There is also a need to fulfill the Great Eastern Ranges Initiative and not leave it only to volunteers who have to beg for the funds to do the work.

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

The conservation of natural forest and the increases of cover due to plantation timber can only assist the above. The natural forests need to be fully connected to allow for the movement and survival of our biodiversity due to global warming and to help provide for the health of the planet.