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

I strongly oppose the logging of native forests in NSW. We need to work towards completion of sustainable timber production. Native forests need to be maintained for biodiversity protection and for carbon sink.

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

Morally and spiritually I'm against further clearing of native forests. Habitats need to be protected for species that are threatened I.e. the koala. We need to be further developing our biodiversity rather than impeding any further damage to it.

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

I stand for 100% renewable timber production. We can learn from countries like New Zealand that aim to supply their own needs above exports to ensure our timber needs are met.

### 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 are important industries that contribute to carbon sink. Rather than spending tax money on native forests being logged we should support these sources of 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

Thriving, biodiverse state forests are a recreation and work place for me personally. Reduction of healthy forest areas already occurs through increased fire severity. I won't stand for a further reduction by native forestry. In the outdoor guiding space and outdoor filmmaking space connection to these environments is fostered and custodianship considered important. Our forests can be used to generate economic, social and spiritual wealth through tourism and education. I want to be there for this. I want the forests maintained for this.

# 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

Aside from the personal responsibility I feel of custodianship, biodiversity needs to be maintained for medicine and science, endangered species habitats are under threat, fire risk is increasing and carbon sinks need to be considered a precious resource.