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

I fully support an end to native forest logging in NSW. Our native forests are precious and irreplaceable. They are habitats to so many of our native animals, some of whom (like the greater glider and the koala) are at threat of extinction. Forests provide homes for these creatures, but also spiritual respite and wellbeing for humans and they are vital for carbon storage and healthy waterways.

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

Forests provide habitats and safe retreats for threatened species. Without them, many of our vulnerable creatures run the real risk of joining the list of animals made extinct by human hands. We cannot risk losing our forests and neither can they.

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

Sustainable plantations should provide timber, where needed, rather than native forests.

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

State forests are fantastic for local people, providing spiritual retreats, recreation areas, and opportunities for connection with nature. They are wonderful for tourism. Traditional Aboriginal forestry management, should absolutely be respected, as Aboriginal Australians have been looking after land, including forests and waterways, in sustainable ways for thousands of years.

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 native forests releases stored carbon into the atmosphere, contributing to climate change. We need as many trees as possible sequestering carbon and mitigating climate risks.