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

I work in the timber industry in NSW, so do other members of my family. I support the continuation of productive State Forests for timber supply and good forest management.

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

NSW State forests are managed for multiple outcomes. One of those outcomes is timber. This does not make the forests uninhabitable for animals or negate biodiversity and carbon.

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

We produce specialty products like flooring from native timber. We use the whole log for product. Products that would have been waste in the past are utilized and none of the log is wasted. There is demand for all of the product.

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

The timber from these resources are all different. The maturity and size of the logs that come from hard wood plantations are not the right size for the products we produce. They need more time to grow.

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## **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 the only forest tenure that can deliver all of these values.

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## **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 products we mill are used in service for the life of a building. the carbon in the timber is stored for that period. Continuous use and regrowth of the forest is the way to sequester the most carbon