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

I am a timber industry worker of 48 year. I know that forest management for timber production in sustainable. The RFA's saw the best timber get locked up and the poorer areas remained accessible. The log available from poorer forest areas arent as good as from better, more productive country

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

These forest values ARE managed during a harvest and during regeneration of the forest.

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

Native timber products are always in demand for their strength, durability and appearance.

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

The products from these resources are not the same. Like comparing apples and oranges. A straight swap for state forest timber and private native forest timber is viable, but the volume isn't there. Planation hardwood needs more time to mature, and more of it. Pine is not the same, not swapable.

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 provide different opportunities to the community that reserved forest. They should continue to be managed as they are. The natural values are so good they are considered ok for the reserve system, so why not keep them usable as well?

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

Fire will risk all of the values you can attribute to a forest. Put the forest in a reserve, don't fund the management and watch your values go up in smoke.