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

I fully support an end to native forest logging and a future based on sustainable timber plantations.

The destruction of old growth trees near where I live is devastating, Wildlife is killed and also displaced, they are left homeless and injured or killed trying to find a new home.

Stop logging of our Native Forests, sustainable timber plantations are the only way forward.

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

Koalas, Greater Gliders and all other Wildlife (174 species) are close to extinction because of Native Forests' logging. All threatened species calling Native Forests home contribute to keeping our forests healthy, which also contributes to health of humans. We need healthy forests for holding carbon, cleaning our water, providing habitat, improving fire management, providing recreation, spiritual connection and logging Native Forests damages all these values.

Destroying our forests increases fire threat and intensity, erosion and waterway pollution, the penetration of weeds and other invasive species.

Healthy and unlogged forests are critical to the whole environment and both First Nations and non-First Nations culture and identity.

Native forests in NSW hold significant cultural and spiritual value for First Nations People.

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

Protections for mature trees were removed in 2018, and as a result logging has intensified and Forestry consistently overestimates the amount of harvestable timber, the yield from public native forests has declined by 40% since 2010.

Forestry does not make a profit by logging Native Forests, NSW taxpayers contribute millions of dollars to prop up the forestry industry.

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

I support a future based on sustainable softwood and hardwood plantations and an end to all Native Forest logging.

Jobs will increase with sustainable plantations and therefore increase timber supply needs.

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

Forests, particularly healthy mature forests, generate rainfall, cool the landscape and clean the air, humans are dependent upon mature forests for good health, if forestry continues destroying mature forests, humans will not be able to breathe, they provide oxygen to keep us breathing.

Mature and unlogged Native Forests are critical for pollinators and play a key role in pollination across the landscape, both inside and outside of forests,
First Nations People know how to manage Native Forests and need to be employed for advice and work with National Parks and Wildlife Services to protect our forests and Wildlife.
Tourism managed by NPWS and First Nations People will increase jobs and create healthy forests and a healthy economy,

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 of Native Forests reduces biomass and carbon storage, removing mature trees takes away valuable food sources and hollow bearing trees for Wildlife.
To remove the risk of climate change, logging Native Forests must end, we need to ensure our Native Forests are protected and managed well into the future for a healthy environment, water, land, human health and a healthy economy for future generations.