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

Future and current forestry operations must be sustainable. This is already trending with many consumer items already carrying claims of forest sustainability. This is what customers want. Forest sustainability therefore makes good economic sense.

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

Our record of animal extinction is the worst in the world. This doesn't look good on the world stage. More loss of habitat is disastrous for our native fauna and flora. We must listen to the Aboriginal people who have great knowledge of sustainable care of our native forests. They have a right to be involved in any decision making on native forests.

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

Must be sourced sustainably.

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

Native forests must not be logged. We can't afford to do that.

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

Again sustainability the key word.

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 scientists and experts can better elaborate on this. As a grandmother I want everything done now to secure a safe future for my grandchildren. I want them to be able to walk among ancient giant trees, to breath the air they generate, to see the wild animals in their native habitat, to know that past governments cared enough to save this for them. Again it makes economic sense to save this resource. There are no jobs on a dead planet.