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

People a lot more qualified than me have proven the unsustainable rate at which we destroy native forest and the damaging impacts it causes to all levels of nature. Current operations and treatment cannot be called sustainable

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

As a regular every day person, I have since covid been visiting more and more, places of nature. Holiday destinations used to be overseas, now they're national parks and species of animal I wish to see. It's an untapped market; nationally and internationally

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

All of which are eligible to be sustainably sourced through plantation timber. Of which, more jobs are created. Native forest should never be used

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

Timber supply from native forest has already been documented by Professor David Lindenmayer. The majority is wasted, and the rest of which, the bulk is turned to wood chips and paper. I do not wish to buy anything made from native forest. Plantation timber, yes. It is one of the most sustainable products we have yet to utilise properly.

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 currently failing us all. Forest experiences and custodianship should be out focus. From sequestering carbon, to saving native species, to offering mental health benefits to us all, to raising state capital from ecotourism. Once it's gone, it's gone, and the costs to get it back are enormous.

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

Yes. All I can say is yes 100x, that the science and opportunity is already there. Private companies need to take 10 steps back. In this day and age, with the science available, it's negligence to be removing these carbon troves