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

We should draw a line under and ENDthe practice of DEFORESTATION entirely. Not just of native forest but all farmed forestry. It has already been proven to be unsustainable. It has also been proven that we can't be trusted to keep to regulations where there are restrictions on logging old growth. We've had our chance and royally messed it up.

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

No need to mention. Goes without saying. Plenty of research, evidence and documentation to support exists.

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

Alter the Production and the demand will follow. There are myriad alternatives to virgin timber based products - of every type - from building materials to sunglasses frames to paper to toilet paper. END DEFORESTATION

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

And then there were none...

There are viable, more sustainable alternatives to timber as a building material - including the vast resource of second hand and recycled timber.

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

Yes.

Forest maintenance and care should be the only concern of State Forests and Forestry - including Indigenous involvement at every level. Low impact sustainable tourism can replace fund raising through logging and timber sales.

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

An end to Forestry entirely. Trees are the lungs of the Earth and are part of our complex habitat, ecology and biodiverse world. Leave them be.