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

Current forestry operations in NSW are unsustainable. If the current forest operations continue as they are then future sustainability is not guaranteed. Forestry is a loss-making enterprise and only survives due to massive subsidies at the taxpayers expense.

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

Threatened species are being lost in our forest at an alarming rate. Protection of cultural values, threatened species and aboriginal cultural values are not being adequately protected at present. This is shown in the many legal defeats that Forestry Corp has received due to incomplete studies and monitoring of logging operations and logging areas. For example, looking for nocturnal Greater Gliders in the daytime.....?

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

Quality saw logs are in significant decline in NSW. A majority of timber products now are fibre based(pulp) or softwood (pine) and can easily be offset by plantation grown timber. The demand for timber for building, construction, transport and retail cannot be subsidised at taxpayers' expense, this is unsustainable. I have historically supported the sawn hardwood timber industry, but the quality and quantity has significantly declined to the point where good sawn hardwood is becoming rarer to find. This is a sign we are reaching an unsustainable tipping point where the previously well managed forest industry is now a race to get as much timber/fibre as possible in the short time left. This is stealing from future generations. It is not sustainable and is driven by incompetence, negligence and corporate greed.

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

Softwood and hardwood plantations on land that is NOT existing forested/vegetated land is the way forward. Much land in Australia has been cleared of native vegetation for farming or plantation timber. Revegetating or plantations on cleared lands or already established plantations is the only way forward. Private Native Forestry should have much tighter regulation. Abuses of PNF are very evident in the South East of NSW. The fact there is a need for PNF is an indication that timber resources are depleted and unsustainable.

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 (Forestry Corp) are a shadow of the organisation they once were. In the south east of NSW the number of staff has been significantly reduced, The enforcement, education, regulation and social license Forestry used to have is significantly diminished in my view. I have

had many interactions with Forestry over 30 years and have found that this organisation has become dysfunctional, incompetent and possibly negligent in its responsibilities. I have had experience with Aboriginal forest management models, and this is not consistent with sustainable cultural objectives for the aboriginal communities in my area. They are another indication of the desperation of the forest product industries to find more resources to exploit to the detriment of all Australians.

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

Increased fires, floods and environmental damage are plainly evident. The continuing exploitation and damage caused by current forestry practices is exacerbating this. For the sake of our own and the forests survival we must stop native forest logging in NSW NOW!