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

I believe that timber harvesting can be sustainable and having such a primary industry is vital to our national interest and overall security of supply chain

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

I believe that it is possible to conduct sustainable harvesting and still be respectful to First Nations peoples and heritage as well as ensuring best practices towards environmental and cultural values can be met

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

It is critical to not only construction, but also furniture makers and all industries that use timber have a secure resource that is managed sustainably

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

I believe a blend of native and plantation is required as part of an overall blend, especially as using native grown timber in fibre is very emotional

## 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

I believe state forests do a poor job of engaging with communities and stakeholders and they need to be significantly better. They need to have significantly more forest Nations peoples engagement as well employees

# 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

Forests should be managed for all including timber as well as non-timber interests.