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

As member of the timber industry for 33 years, I have seen changes in the industry. The industry is sustainable. The contraction of the harvestable area due to the regional forest agreements saw a change in the industry and many small mills and business close. The policy that surrounds timber harvesting in native forest safe guards the sustainability of forests for both timber production and the environment.

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

The values of the forest are not lessened by harvesting and the timber industry. If this was the case the smaller area available since the RFA's would not be viable for future harvest or worth having political argument over.

Unfortunately, the continued arguement over the valse of the forest and the value of timber harvesting fails to consider the impacts of NOT harvesting. The arguments to stop managing the forests fail to understand that forests are already managed to maintain habitat and environmental health. If we dont harvest and manage forests they will be at risk of serious fire, pest and diseases damage. The idea of 'back to nature' management is a farse as the pressures on our forests and ecosystems from outside influences suck as fire a introduced species are such that they cant be left.

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

The demand for timber products will not stop because we dont continue to manage our forests. The market will fill the gaps with imports. We as country already import timber as we use more than we produce. We have checks and rules that our pacific neighbors dont. Are you prepared to pillage their forests?

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

These 3 resources are already at capacity with their input to the market. more time is needed for hardwood plantations to be providing large amounts of quality sawn timber. The area of plantation estate in the state is limited by land availability. The federal government 2018 Billon Trees policy has not seen a large uptake in plantation establishment.

Time, better policy to encourage planation establishment and education for landholders with native forest suitable for harvesting will be needed for these resources to increase in the market.

**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**

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Fore state forests to continue to contribute the many services they do to the community, the community needs further education on what forest management looks like. The employees of Forestry Corp need to be able to speak in the media and address the statements that are made about forest management and not be gaged from doing so.

**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**

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State forest are managed to provide these services. Providing better understanding to the community and politicians who make decisions about our forests and their use will provide the best opportunity to get the most form our state forests