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

Old growth forests can't be replaced by regrowth unless in hundreds of years, perhaps. We need to leave standing whatever now remains after 2 centuries of logging when development and short-term financial gains were prioritised

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

The way to maximise all these is to stop logging native forests, obviously.

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

According to research of which you would be aware, these can be provided from plantations.

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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**

Plantations on already cleared land.

As I have declared my membership of an environmental advocacy group, I say that it has been nearly 40 years since we started campaigning to stop native forest logging (especially woodchipping) and I wonder why we are still not there.

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**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**

Follow the science and common sense; stop logging native forests to maximise 'environmental outcomes', for biodiversity, protecting water catchments and hydrology. Economic outcomes means that taxpayers must not subsidise the past and current loss making operations including exports. Employment in a loss making operation is tantamount to welfare payments!

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**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**

Keep native forests as the best and simplest form of carbon and biodiversity benefits. I realise that carbon and biodiversity markets in the form of offsets are deceptive and useless. Not every problem can be solved with a market!