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

There should be enough timber plantation to sustain forestry operation.

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

There are so little native forests left in NSW that continue logging will put our native wildlife at risk.

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

This is a matter of supply and demand. If demand is high then the price will be higher and there will be more operators switching to timber plantation. It is a good diversification for farmers alike.

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

Again a matter of supply and demand.

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

Native state forests should be protected.

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

Carbon credit can be achieved through protection of native forests in both state and privately owned land. This will give extra cash and reduce emission. Timber plantation should also earn extra carbon credit.