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

I fully support an end to native forest logging and a future based on sustainable plantations. Logging of native forest makes no sense economically, jobs, for the environment, or for climate change.

Last year NSW Forestry Corporation lost over \$15m and has millions of subsidies provided by tax payers. There are only 600 jobs of which about 300 are in administration and 300 in forest. Surely they could be used in developing forestry for recreation such as trails, lookouts, cabins etc Logging of native forests is leading to the extinction of species, such as the Greater Glider and Koala and so cannot be described as sustainable.

Logging public native forests is costing the taxpayer millions and leading to permanent damage to our forests.

- We need healthy forests for holding carbon, cleaning our water, providing habitat, improving fire management, providing recreation, spiritual connection and logging native forests damages all these values.

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

Glider and Koala and so cannot be described as sustainable. Gliders need to live in hollows of trees and these occur once the trees are over 100 years old. By cutting down trees there is more likely to be distinction of gliders. Koalas rely on trees to eat their leaves are being logged in the proposed Great Koala National Park.

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

Most timber from native forests is used for pulp, wood chips etc. Plantations can provide timber for housing

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

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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

Subsidies could be used with First Nations people to look after country, build a tourism industry, trials, protect and visit rock art etc

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

Keeping native forests in tact will hold more carbon.