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

More careful management practices that balance resource extraction with ecological preservation are requried.

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

Australia has a shameful extinction rate. Deforestation is a bit contributor to this problem. Aboriginal culture should be more important than it is.

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

We all - all of us - need to live more simply so that others (inc nature) can simply live. People need to be encouraged to want less.

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

"private" = profit first. Neoliberalism is a cancer.

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

All of the above, with a revitalised environmental protection, should be the role of state forests. Nature first. We need it to survive ourselves.

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

Trees in state forests absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, helping to mitigate environmental damage.