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

I believe that native logging should cease immediately in NSW and future forestry operations should be restricted to tree planting and logging in plantations.

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

The environmental and cultural values of forests is infinite. Forests provide habitat for vulnerable, threatened and endangered species. Logging will dry out a forest, allowing sunlight in and creating a fire hazard. An un-logged forest will often be wet, creating a natural fire break.

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

Timber products should be restricted to plantation timber or alternatives such as steel, aluminium or bricks should be used.

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

I do not have the data to comment on this.

## 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

The role of State Forests should be to protect what is left of native forests, create new plantations and oversee the harvesting of plantations. I think the aim of forest management should be to aim for wet forests and rainforests with closed canopies, this will reduce fires.

# 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

Forests will help mitigate the impact of climate change through the process of photosynthesis., which will absorb carbon dioxide and turn it into oxygen.