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

Logging native forests is at a high cost to the taxpayer and doing irreparable damage to the natural balance in native forests.

Forestry operations should be restricted to plantation forestry established in a sustainable manner.

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

Our native forests are vital for the habitat of endangered species such as the Greater Glider and Koala, as well as many species of unique Australian birds which rely on the hollows of large old trees for their livelihood.

Our future generations will hold us accountable for the short-sightedness of the practice of clearing native forests and the destruction of these habitats.

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

The majority of timber used in housing construction is supplied by softwood plantation timbers. Our native forests are not the resource we should be using to supply these needs. Using native forest timbers for these purposes comes with high wastage alongside the destruction of habitat that cannot be reproduced by post clearing planting as the new plantings do not replicate the diversity of the stages of growth in a native forest.

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

We are only beginning to listen to the insights of First Nations Australians about their history of management of the environment in this land, with its extremes.

State Forests should be engaging with their voices to understand how best to manage the forests so that they can be developed sustainably.