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

I support an immediate end to native forest logging and a future industry based on sustainable plantations. Logging of native forests is leading to the extinction of species, such as the Greater Glider and Koala and can in no way be described as sustainable.

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

Native forest logging is driving the endangered koala and greater glider to extinction. An immediate logging moratorium should be placed over core greater glider and koala habitat while the FIAP process is underway.

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

The true value of our native forests does not come from wood production, but from their critical role in carbon storage, the water cycle, providing critical habitat, reducing fire risk, recreation and spiritual connection.

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

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

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 need healthy forests for holding carbon, cleaning our water, providing habitat, improving fire management, providing recreation, spiritual connection. Logging native forests destroys these values.

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

Native forests and their soils sequester carbon. Their role in containing all relevant planetary boundaries (climate change, biodiversity, water) and maintaining healthy earth systems is crucial.