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

I believe that the forestry practice of the 1990's of buying unviable farms and converting to forest plantations , in which I was involved as a subcontracting tree planter , was and still would be an efficient means to improve availability of timber products for the building and construction industry , but certainly not to supply wood chips for export or for burning for electricity generation .

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

Nobody needs to have explained to them that forests have irreplaceable value as habitat for flora and fauna . As part of the carbon cycle they are also vital for a healthy planet . Forests can also contribute to local economies as drawcards for tourism . I myself regularly visit public forests .

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

As explained in point (1) plantation timber grown on unviable farms would surely go a long way to supply demands for industry .

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

I strongly advocate for continued conversion of unviable farmland to forestry plantations , preferable under state control .

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

I believe that State Forests should play a major part in management of forest assets , in coordination with environmental and indigenous groups .

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

Without going into financial benefits of carbon sequestration in forests , it is of paramount importance to mitigate imbalance of the carbon cycle caused by the industrial revolution .