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

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The continued logging of native forests is clearly unsustainable, not only from an environmental standpoint, but also an economic one.

The economics do not stack up - much of the logged hardwood is not even used locally, or at least in high value products, and we, the taxpayers, keep the industry afloat at our loss.

The environmental unsustainability of native forest logging is an even clearer picture. First thing to address - animal extinction. The more we log, the less habitat exists for our endangered animals. I feel deeply disheartened to think that my kids might grow up in a world where Koala bears have become extinct - in an age where we have all the knowledge and capability to avoid such events from happening.

Secondly - climate change. It is absolutely clear that we have to significantly reduce deforestation, which is one of the largest contributors to carbon emissions. This should be the most important factor in all of this, and the science is clear on this.

Therefore I support an end to native forest logging, and keeping all forestry works to plantation timber - both softwood and hardwood.

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

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I support an end to all native forest logging. We should only source timber from plantations. The environmental and cultural significance of native forests far outweigh the economic unviability of logging them.

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

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Saving our planet, saving our species, saving our environmentally and culturally significant native forests, is not something that can in any way be justified by economic demands. Where there is a will, there is a way. I believe that we should end native forest logging, focus on plantation forests, and sustainable building practices that minimise waste.

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

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See above. Any 'benefits' of native forest logging, do not outweigh the significant environmental, cultural and even economic costs.

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**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**

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I support the use of native forests in encouraging more people to get outdoors, for example the construction of mountain bike trail networks, or the likes of campgrounds.

**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**

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Logging native forests is widely known to be a significant contributor to climate change - which is an issue that is continuing to get worse, with governments world-wide doing far less than they need to be to mitigate the outcomes.

By ending native forest logging, which doesn't even stack up economically, we would be making a significant step in combating the effects of climate change.

Looking longer term, we may even be able to capitalise on this in a carbon trading market.