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

The existing Forestry industry only operates now because it is heavily subsidised. It is not economic so has no future without taxpayer dollars

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

Research has shown that forests contribute significantly towards carbon sequestration and older forests contribute more. The destruction of native forests reduces biodiversity and increases many extinctions. Forests also provide great spiritual havens for many people and are more and more valuable in so many respects as time goes on.

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

Timber products can be provided from farmed trees rather than native forests. Living where we do, we have seen the vast logpiles and sawdust mountains at the Eden chip mill and we know that many native forest trees are taken just for woodchips to be exported. What a waste of our national heritage!

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

Timber products can be supplied from plantations

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 seems to be to seek to ignore all regulations regarding environmental and species laws. So many times they have been found to ignore legislation, it seems to be a particularly perverse culture to ignore even the most important habitats and lie about their activities. They seem to minimise the delivery of environmental and social outcomes while never delivering economic outcomes as they need to be so heavily subsidised!

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

I fully support an immediate end to native forest logging and a future industry based on sustainable plantations;
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;

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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.