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

I would like to see the preservation of native forest, forested hilltops and transition zones between national park or native forest and farm land in NSW. I'd like a transition to plantation timber only for logging. Native forest is a major asset across NSW bringing tourism dollars to our communities.

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

Surely it has been documented comprehensively that forests are an irreplaceable asset, refuge for wildlife and hold culturally significant value for first nations people. We can see the case to end native forest logging from other states who have taken the decision. Our forests should hold a cultural significance for all Australian's and perhaps our future generations will adopt this, but we need to leave forests in place for them.

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

Timber is vital in our construction and DIY industries. I feel a consumer awareness campaign and labelling of timber product 'this is NSW plantation timber' could be a selling point, along the lines of the provenance we value in our food products today.

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

The rules around private native forestry seem to be ambiguous with local councils able to develop their own guidelines. Last year a landowner in northern NSW illegally cleared native forest from land directly next to Gondwana national park, these transition zones should be protected. Plantation timber should be the only way, to preserve our natural environment for the good of our native flora and fauna, for the climate, especially to give shade to soils and for cloud forming micro climates.

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

State Forests should be subsidised not to cut native forest. As a tax payer I shouldn't be funding a loss making industry to turn native trees into woodchip.

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

We should pay landowners to keep native trees in place with credits the quality of biodiversity and climate impacts.