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

A whole of environment view of sustainability is required. This includes carbon sequestration, water catchment sustainability as well as forest ecosystem sustainability. In my opinion, on all these grounds, wilderness logging should be entirely stopped right now.

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

Iconic species, such as the koala and the greater glider are in steep decline NSW due, largely to habitat destruction from logging. It is imperative that the forests these species depend on are protected now.

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

Modern housing construction doesn't need native hardwood. If, as a matter of aesthetic choice, native hardwood is chosen, then it should be sourced entirely from plantation forests.

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

In order to generate a sustainable regional timber industry, it seems obvious that private hardwood and softwood plantation forests be encouraged but not at the expense of wilderness 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

State Forests is, in my opinion, a rouge organisation that would seem to be unaccountable to the public. It should be closed down.

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

Plantation forestry should be managed to support carbon and biodiversity markets. Wild forests must remain untouched.