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

oceans/storms-and-floods) and excessive land clearing, directly threaten the welfare of our remaining natural areas. The continued and unabated industrial scale logging practices of the Forestry Corporation NSW (FCNSW) are heartbreaking to witness and directly, adversely impact on our shared social, cultural and economic well-being.

The Climate and ecological emergencies are enough alone to render this practice unsustainable. Add to that bushfire damage from the 2019/2020 fires, drought and the economic losses and costs to the taxpayers. There is nothing sustainable about this industry. I wish someone would tally up the actual cost of this extractive industry, like they do with the sharks In Palau put a dollar value on each tree . We would very quickly see an end to logging.

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

We are entering the 6th mass extinction. All species are vulnerable. These forests are home to many threatened species. Every tree is precious in the climate emergency.

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

I have 2 builders in my family. Most rhetoric I hear around logging is that we need it to build houses. This is a furphy. There is very very little hardwood used in the construction industry today.

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

Properly and sustainably managed 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

Forests provide valuable environmental functions freely. They protect catchments, provide refuge for many native species and store masses of carbon. Furthermore, they are a beautiful place for us to visit.

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

It is impossible for us to replicate the many services that are provided by our forests. Just leave them as refuges for the many species that live there and as carbon sinks not as biodiversity offsets or any other manipulation to serve the economy .