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

It is my belief that our current forestry and timber industry practices are very sustainable and renewable, FCNSW manages its estate and timber practices in a environmentally conscious and sustainable way.

FCNSW have managed their estates for approximately 100 years and have developed the practices to make this a sustainable industry.

I believe this industry has a long future ahead with sustainable practices.

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

FCNSW understand the value of Aboriginal culture heritage and has policies and procedures in place as well as working with key stake holders from the indigenous community to ensure the protection of their heritage areas and sites.

FCNSW has departments dedicated to ecology, environmental impact and water quality all dedicated to the protection of threatened species and their habitats.

FCNSW is consistently working to improve their practices to ensure the well being of the ecology and cultural heritages within their estates.

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

Given the current demand for timber within our country is higher then the current output supply within Australia and NSW this means our country is currently importing large quantities from overseas.

The practice of importing timber from other countries will be detrimental to the environment due them not having the same level of sustainability practices our country has.

This also comes with an elevated cost to our economy, sending our countries money overseas for a inferior non ethical product.

If we manage our own timber supplies using our current plantation we have control over how they are managed ensuring we use sustainable and ethical practices to supply our industries.

Relying on imports for resources such as timber from other countries leaves us open for issues with supply demands.

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

I am an advocate for the continuation of the soft wood and hard industries here in Australia.

I believe it is a crucial part of our country to cultivate our own timber supplies for our demands in the industries it supplies.

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

FCNSW has worked with many stake holders over the years in regards to environmental, economic and social networks, as well as working with the aboriginal forest management, FCNSW has multiple departments dedicated to managing all aspects of it impacts to these areas and work to manage it in ethical way.

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

The timber industry by default sequesters carbon through its practices via storing carbon in its timber products.

Overall this gives a net positive to the risks of climate change.

With the industry practice used in our country particularly with FCNSW the industry functions as a carbon sink, utilizing the 2.5 million hectares of forestry to sequester carbon from the atmosphere and storing it in timber products.

This is one of the main reasons I believe this industry should be fostered and not condemned in our country