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

I live regional NSW and work in the timber industry. I support the continuation of the industry and the sustainable harvesting of logs from the State Forests. The industry is managed for the sustainability of log supply and natural assets in the forest.

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

Well managed, harvested forests are healthy and support lots of plants and animals. Well managed forests are less likely to lose large percentage of canopy in a forest fire. In the 2019 forest national parks lost 16% of their canopy cover. All values are lost if they are burnt to the ground.

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

In my time in the industry the log supply is less in volume, but the demand for timber has still increased. This suggests that if supply is lost from State Forests the supply will be imported.

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

Plantations won't have the volume of timber needed or the type of timber needed to replace native hardwoods. PNF will have the native forest timber, but not the volume.

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 forest will deliver the best outcomes by supplying wood to the market to not need to import from overseas. Overseas imports usually have poorer qualities and poorer environmental safeguards. Facts not understood by the consumer.

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 carbon and biodiversity benefits that are available from State Forests are not limited by periodic harvest. The values of the forest are the same as National Park with the benefit of timber for the state.