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

On the grounds of maintaining biodiversity alone, all logging in old growth forest should stop immediately. In addition, we need to slow down climate change and our forests do an important job of absorbing carbon dioxide.

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

Prevention of the extinction of threatened species.

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

There is an adequate supply of timber from plantations. A large proportion of wood from native forests is turned into woddchips which are then exported. Dreadful!

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

Suc plantations can provide for all NSW needs in terms of timber for construction etc.

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

This is hugely important!

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

see above