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

I live in country NSW. I see the consequences of the accumulation of destructive practices in our environment in the land and climate of my home in Wagga Wagga NSW. Why do we continue to do things which we know are destructive and fuel climate warning? Once the ole growth forests are gone they can never return.

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

Traditional Owners continue to raise concerns about how logging destroys First nations cultural heritage. We need to listen carefully to what they are saying as they have lived in harmony with the environment for millennia.

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

There are other ways of providing timber products and these already exist and need to be extended, i.e. by plantations, growing specific species of timber.

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

see above

## 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

Native forest logging is driving species like the koala and greater glider to extinction by destroying their habitat. so many species of fauna and flora need intact and healthy forests to thrive and survive. The human species are one of these!

# 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

native forest logging causes more destructive bushfires. Older forests are more resistant to bushfires and for forests to grow old, we have to stop logging them.

thank you for this opportunity to comment. I look forward to hearing from you in regard to this submission. The environment belongs to us all, not to a handful of vested interest.