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

No industry is sustainable if it is based on growth beyond replacement capability.

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

We cannot survive without the creatures that live in these forests. To even call that a 'value' negates the dependency we have on those creatures for our very lives, ongoing.

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

We need degrowth - currently plantation timber can supply domestic demand for timber products. But that cannot expand indefinitely. We need to look at demand-side expectations and change those expectations.

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

We need to educate private landholders about the requirement that they also STOP logging and clearing Native Forest on "private" lands.

'Wood lots' should be encouraged - ie harvesting of coppice wood, and fast growing plantation timber for firewood and local paper products.

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## 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

State Forests need to allow management by Citizens Assemblies within their bioregional borders. (Bioregional borders are the lines that designate where the rain falls and the viability of the soils within which the products are sustainably grown)

The people within those borders need to decide how to allocate resources from within the bioregion.

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## 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

Without a total moratorium on native forest logging there can be no carbon or biodiversity 'benefits'. GHG is emitted by EVERY other use of a forest bar leaving it INTACT.

Even if we accept that a forest left alone may then burn due to Climate change and catastrophic global heating, it is still imperative that we leave it alone.

There is still a hope that it doesn't burn so hot that creatures will not quickly recover in that area.