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

It is my belief that in my area, logging is occurring at a much greater rate than normal due to the promise of the Great Koala National Park. I'm gobsmacked that this practice is allowed to occur before that land is handed over. to create GKNP. This is not a sustainable practice.

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

I am incredibly careful what I do on my land in preserving cultural heritage & preservation of threatened flora & fauna, while DIRECTLY over my western boundary fence I have witnessed logging that does not care for those values.

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

My belief that the logging that has occurred locally does not directly help any housing, construction industries. Instead it goes to wood chip & pallet making.

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

I believe landholders that want to log their land have a right to do so but there is absolutely no control over the private companies that come in & log that land. It is a free for all & controls need to be tightened.

Land that could be used for plantation timber should be encouraged & incentivised.

# 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

I have seen no evidence of any management by forestry. Just logging. The roads they absolutely need are the only roads in the state forest that get any attention. The rest are left degraded, eroded & often impassable. That is not great management during the fire season.

The logging activities done directly over my boundary fence show not one sign of any management. Only tree removal.

Heads of trees left on the ground, lantana, tobacco bush & other weeds are flourishing. That landscape has dried out & is an extra concern to me during the fire season.

There is the opportunity to create a sustainable environment for plantation timber, using cultural burning techniques to help educate the govt, land holders & other interested parties but I don't see that happening. Missed opportunity!

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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

I believe carbon markets are a sham. People trying to make a buck out of maintaining or growing trees is too good to be true.

There needs to be balance & this is just not happening. The climate is changing & making our land resilient to those changes is paramount.

I find it incredibly frustrating that I am trying to do the right thing while I have custodianship of where I live by leaving the forest in its natural state, applying for grants to remove lantana, keeping tracks open for possible fire emergency situations, turning my land into a refuge for wildlife, offering up my land for the release of native fauna & sustainable native seed collection. When directly next door I witness degraded forests that are not managed at all when it comes to soil erosion, weed management, fire management, road infrastructure.

This situation is outrageous & beyond reasonable in anyone's thinking.

NSWFC practices exacerbates climate change risks, my risks & my communities risks. As I stated in above question, there is a huge opportunity for NSWFC to be a role model on sustainable forestry practices but they take the easily way out & log areas that have already been logged in the last 100 years. That land is incredibly forgiving, just by way of regenerating, NSWFC is not.