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

The ugly landscape caused by deforestation and erosion deters tourists from the South Coast. Some ask "why it is necessary? There are plantations to provide for all our domestic needs".

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

The undergrowth that houses food for wildlife cannot be replaced in new growth areas, it is best to have walks and good management of local short and long walks. There are lookouts and botanic gardens, but mountain bikers want more. So do tourists who want to have a proper forest experience, to see a bit of wilderness.

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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**

Review International commitments which shamefully turn old growth trees into fragments. Pay out the contracts and provide retraining for loggers - or give them work in plantations.

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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**

Also the seaweed forests of the sea need to be protected for tourism and not left to die because of warming waters.