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

Native forest logging in our Kalang River catchment area, which is steep and unstable, would result in slips and erosion, with pollution of the river, source of our drinking water. Even if logging were to be confined to the narrow ridges of our Oakes Forest, the financial yield would be small, at enormous cost to the known habitat of greater gliders and koalas. Forestry Corporation overestimates the quantity of harvestable timber in this steep, unstable country.

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

Healthy, unlogged forest in our headwaters is essential to maintain biodiversity, continue to generate rainfall, and cool the landscape.

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

Hardwood loads sourced from native forests and even plantations are no longer necessary, as sawn and treated softwood logs and composite timber products made from softwoods can substitute. Moreover, only 9% of total log production in Australia in 2023 came from native forests, and half of that was simply exported as wood chips.

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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**

Plantations already supply over 90% of Australia's log production and the yield should be prioritised as saw and veneer logs, rather than exporting them as wood chips.

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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**

The native forest hardwood division of the Forestry Corporation operates at a huge loss, funded by the NSW public. We should not be paying millions of dollars to destroy the biodiversity of our forests.

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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**

Ending native forest logging will allow previously logged forests to regain lost carbon and make a significant contribution to meeting our emissions targets.