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

Native Forest Logging is unsustainable for so many reasons. It isn't a renewable resource as is often stated and the irreparable damage done to a healthy forest is heartbreaking to see. Removing mature trees takes away valuable food sources and hollow bearing trees. It also has a very negative effect on our water ways. Soil erosion, mud and landslides are a result of logging.

And of course logging in native forests reduces biomass and carbon storage.

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

First Nation people have an ongoing connection to native forest's and their are many cultural and spiritual sites throughout the NSW state Forests that are an integral part of cultural practice and knowledge.

NSW forests have over 250 threatened species within them. Native Forest logging comprises many ecosystems and habitats. We need healthy unlogged forests for pollination, for carbon storage, for shade and cooling, for water filtration, for recreation, the list is long.

Native forests are worth more standing!

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

We have been led to believe that hardwood logged from our native forests was used largely for our building industry when in fact 87% of hardwood plantation timber was EXPORTED as woodchip. This is both outrageous and disturbing.

Sawn and treated softwood logs and composite timber products made from softwoods can substitute for all our current uses of native forest hardwood and plantations.

In my local forest on the Bulga Plateau I was told first hand by a head forestry corporation personnel that the timber they were about to harvest from our beautiful and pristine forest was to be used in the making of tomato stakes, pallets and Masonite.!! How can this be allowed to happen it's insanity.

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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**

More of the harvested logs from plantations should be prioritised as saw and veneer logs rather than exporting them as wood chips.

High end and luxury native hardwood products should be only selectively harvested on private land and under strict conditions.

**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**

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The Native Forest hardwood division of Forestry Corp operates at a loss that runs into tens of millions of dollars at the expense of the NSW public.

It's an outrageous situation that we are paying millions of dollars to destroy the biodiversity of our forests and critical habitat for our threatened species.

First Nations Ranger programs have been hugely successful in the recovery and health of Native Forests and should be invested more as we transition away from Native Forest logging.

**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**

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The Native Forests of NSW are estimated to store 36 million tonnes of carbon each year. Logging these forests reduces the amount by more than 1/2 of the original value.

Climate change has to be taken into account and our forests are at increased risk.

Unclogged forests are more resilient to the changing climate and catastrophic fires that are occurring as a consequence.

I have experienced this firsthand during the 2019 fires.