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

The current forestry operations in NSW are not sustainable and are destroying habitat for native wildlife and should be phased out immediately but with in twelve months.

All workers in this field should be retrained to work in a eco-tourism workforce to protect and explain the benefits of our native forests for future generations.

This. will not only protect the habitat but provide employment for all thos currently engaged in forestry operations.

The skills of the current workforce will be greatly beneficial to a new approach to eco-tourism with a strong mutual benefit for all concerned.

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

It is self evident that the environmental and cultural values of forests must be protected for the next generation of young Australians and not logged or destroyed for timber products. The habitat destruction from logging has destroyed the habitat for every threatened species both fauna and flora.

Logging clearly destroys Aboriginal cultural heritage values as well. We can use all this knowledge and engagement in the employment and eco-tourism for indigenous people as well. Why are government official so slow to grasp such a simple idea?

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

There needs to be a re-think about the use of timber products. There is already such waste in the use of timber for products when there are other materials readily available.

We mine and export iron ore instead of fefining and usjng more of this material for housing frames for example. While metal framing is in current usage, there is room for much more.

We should be recycling timber for new jobs and not continue to cut downa nd logg nativef forests for timber. The wastage is deplorable and we should all be more conscious of recycling and reusing existing timbe stock.

More care and more thought would go along way to reducing timber waste,

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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**

The future of plantation timber will be the way forward and the market place will set the economics in place to that the industry can beceome econically vaible.

The greater value placed on plantation timber will provide the incetive for the industruy and grow and flourish.

Private native forestry can set a good example provided the economics fall into place so the industry can develop and become commercially viable.

**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 role of State Forests is not a viable agency and should be re-structured into an eco-tourism operation to employ the existing work force in a more profitable and sustainable organization. The whole current workforce plus indigenous people would all benefit from such restructuring. A total re-think is essential to phase out logging of native forests. Lets preserve and protect our native forests for the next generation.

**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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This is self evident and every tree grows and produces oxygen for us to breathe in for our very existence.

Biodiversity has evolved over a long period of time and we cut down and destroy trees without thinking of the serious consequences of what we are doing.

We need living trees for our very life and for our future.