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

Current practices of native forest logging are unsustainable. We can never get back the above and underground ecosystem that was built over centuries if we cut old growth trees.

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

I co-own a native bush block and manage a nature trail in a Crown Land Reserve. The climate on these 5-10 acre blocks is so much more pleasant than surrounding farmlands and urban centres. We get all sorts of special species and harbour koalas, sugar gliders, bats, echidnas, lizards etc Where will they go if all surrounding forests get logged?  
We have all sorts of severe restrictions for development, and we stick to those. Why don't developers and Forestry Corp get punished to the point of deterrent if they break the rules or keep legally logging old growth forest?

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

There are many alternatives emerging for timber and hempcrete is extremely suitable for Australian climates and constructions, along with other sustainable carbon neutral materials. We can't keep building the same way we have always done, although we still can with plantation trees if we must.

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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**

Look at emerging carbon neutral materials instead, such as hempcrete. There is a whole industry waiting to be become mainstream right there.