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

Forestry operations in NSW have been and are unsustainable, financially as well as environmentally. Logging in public native forests must stop immediately.

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

Native forests are worth more standing.

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

Wood products must be sourced from plantations and recycling.

Topic 4. The future of softwood and hardwood plantations and the continuation of Private Native Forestry in helping meet timber supply needs

Areas with established plantations should remain under the Department of Primary Industries.

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

Native forest areas should be designated as protected reserves, ideally with Aboriginal joint management.

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

Intact natural systems play a vital role in carbon sequestration. Current carbon trading schemes lack integrity and must not include public native forests. The "markets" are part of the problem.