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

Clearly logging native forests is unsustainable by definition - a review of the drivers and impacts is long overdue.

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

Environmental values are effectively priceless as once they're gone they're not able to be restored.

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

The drivers for using native timber for building & construction clearly need review and a more sustainable replacement in light of the true costs and impacts of native forest logging.

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

Plantations should form a large part of timber supply and where shortfalls exist, costs and/or delays to industry will be inevitable - the planet is not only ours to consume at will and indeed our legacy actions impact our future as well.

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

Change is clearly required and alternative options definitely need to be explored.

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

Carbon simply needs to stay in our trees and in the ground; short-sighted and ignorant human activity has exploited the planet's resources for far too long, ultimately to our peril and indeed that of all other life on earth. Shame on us all.