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

As a Master Tree Grower certificate holder, honours degree earth Scientist and 14year owner of land with 60% remnant native forest I advocate for sustainable selective forestry management, that conserves old growth habitat trees and environments, whilst taking younger trees which are retarding the growth of the forest and adding fire risk.

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

There exists a substantial opportunity for a synergy of fostering First Nations cultural heritage whilst achieving gains in the ecological health of our forests, with management of forests having greater input from First Nations traditional owners.

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

Increased consultation with the small but untapped resource of private landowner forest that is overpopulated with trees that could be selectively logged for a healthier, more fire tolerant forest.

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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**

All of these operations need to be balanced to ensure we do not lose species, particularly critical pollinators.

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## **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**

State Forest needs to be more flexible in adapting to a new way of foresting that is more like a cottage-industry than large scale industrial.

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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**

My main concern here is with carbon offsets being attached to (regrowth/replanted) forests that have little realistic integrity of Carbon absorption.