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

Native Forest Logging in no way sustainable and has no social license any more. We have known this for decades even centuries. It denudes the land scape rendering it lifeless, making it more prone to fires and climate change and the yield derived has plummeted. We are running out of time to save what wildlife and biodiversity that is left and the best way to do this is to end all native forest logging immediately. We have alternatives to using our precious native forests the main one is hemp for the obvious reason it takes 3 months to mature. We also have plantations which if grown sustainably is a viable alternative. We must stop all conversion of any native forest into plantations, this is wrong and deceitful. Our Australian animals need these trees to grow olds to live in and older trees store water for droughts, and the science is out proving logging sucks 1000 liters a second from a catchment.

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

Forests are interwoven in cultural and spiritual values and integral to the survival of our First Nations people, obviously having a positive flow on to every body and environs. We must respect this ancient traditions and learn from them. Intact native forest is the best way to protect our unique Australian wildlife.

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

With the increase in hemp to replace all forms of traditional timber products and sustainable plantation timber there is no need for native forest logging and has a more positive effect and the planet. There are more jobs therefore better for the economy.

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

Sustainable plantations from trees and hemp are the way to go. They grow faster than native forests and are more economical and socially acceptable. There environmental footprint is less damaging and uses less GHG and water. Private Native Forestry and land clearing are not sustainable and should be avoided.

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 are good for our well being having positive tangible mental physical and spiritual health benefits. Native Forests store more carbon than logged forests, we have the science to prove this now. Forestry has a unique opportunity to restore the landscape and put back trees instead of cutting them down and learn from our First Nations People. Tourism is big in our area and they do not come to see a logged forest, with no birds or wild life and full of bell minor die

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back. They want The Great Koal National Park where the wildlife is thriving, happy koalas and greater gliders and healthy water ways where they can bath in natures beauty. Imagine if the 10's of millions of \$ that is lost by logging Native Forests were put back into comminutes to help their environment thrive, would be a win win for everyone.

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

Ending Naive Forst logging is climate action positive and help us reach our emission targets. It is just that simple!! We need to act fast to turn around climate change and slow it down while we still have this small window of opportunity. They keep us cooler, make us less fire prone, and protect us from climate change and help in regaining lost carbon. I do hope you take note of mine and others submissions to End Native Forest Logging now. The whole world is watching in horror and disbelief that we are letting our mammals birds and other wild animals and forests be destroyed. You have the power to stop this now. Om Gaia.