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

NSW logging is subsidised by the taxpayer and makes an economic loss

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

Greater Gliders are being targeted

Over 11,000 hectares of Greater Glider refugia is currently being logged or is scheduled for logging in the near future.

Four key examples of this targeting are Tallaganda, Badja, Styx River and Tuggolo State Forests. Community surveys over the last 12 months have found a total of 571 Greater Gliders and 154 den trees using on-ground spotlighting and thermal drone surveys. These surveys are ongoing and indicate that there are high densities of Greater Gliders within these areas. But if logging continues, many of these Greater Gliders will be killed.

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

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The remaining 10% can easily be satisfied by stopping the export of unprocessed plantation wood and improving the domestic management of existing plantations.

There is no need to log public forests to build houses.

Products from NSW logging operations are mostly woodchips for export and other low value products, such as pallets and tomato stakes.

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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**

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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**

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The true value of our native forests does not come from wood production, but from their critical role in carbon storage, the water cycle, providing critical habitat, reducing fire risk, recreation and spiritual connection.

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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**

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Native forests are priceless, their value is not measured by accountants and profit-greedy exploiters but by the life they sustain.

- End native forest logging and stop fossil fuel emissions.
- Do not attach carbon offsets to an end of native forest logging and instead recognise the role of native forests in mitigating the biodiversity and climate crises.