

CLIVE WEST

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

Old growth forests are important wildlife habitats, as well as seed banks for future native habitats. They are becoming increasingly important under the constant pressure of population growth and non-sustainable harvesting. Plantation timber should be promoted and logging of old growth forests should be stopped.

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

Many years ago the National Trust of Australia recognised native forests as part of our national heritage, and started bushcare as a National Trust activity. This recognition of native forests as part of our national heritage needs to be reinforced now.

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

Plantation forests are sustainable and provide a valuable source of construction timber. The use of old growth forests for timber harvesting is not sustainable and is very damaging to our native fauna and flora.

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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**

Private native plantations are the way forward.

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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 Forests has been allowing timber felling in old growth native forests and this needs to stop. I understand that State Forests harvesting in old growth forests is not economic and is in fact subsidised. Subsidies for the destruction of old growth forests is against the public interest.

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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**

Climate change makes the need to protect old growth forests imperative. Plantation forests will more rapidly increase the capture of carbon in fast growing native forests.