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

Logging native forests in NSW is not sustainable. It can take more than 100 years for a forest to recover from logging operations so we must act now to regenerate these beautiful and unique environments.

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

Threatened species like koalas and the greater southern glider are being pushed towards extinction as Forestry in NSW and Tasmania destroy their habitat!

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

We need to find more sustainable products as trees are vital in the struggle against Climate Change.

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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**

In our present struggle to mitigate Climate Change we need to reduce the supply of timber.

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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**

Destroying native forests only adds to fire risks. The decrease in tree cover reduces moisture and humidity in the forest and increases the temperature and wind speeds in the forests making fiercer bushfires inevitable.

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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**

Logging native forests is destroying our carbon sink. When deforestation occurs, much of the carbon stored by trees is released back into the atmosphere as carbon dioxide, which contributes to climate change