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

Current operations are totally unsustainable, every cycle of logging causes further ongoing degradation

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

The natural values are also threatened by climate change and habitat loss generally. Ongoing logging accelerates extinctions.

The use value of forests to indigenous and non indigenous people for cultural spiritual and recreational enrichment are all threatened by ongoing logging at scale.

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

Steel and softwood are already the mainstay of construction. Specialty hardwood timbers would be better supplied by specialist sustainable small milling. Industrial scale logging of hardwood forests must end.

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

Private and public hardwood plantations should be expanded. Limited specialty hardwood should be accessible from private lands only

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

These functions are poorly managed by state forests. Another agency should take over these function and sfc disbanded entirely.

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

It is obvious forests are more valuable for carbon and biodiversity than as timber pulp or electricity generating fuel