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

As climate change worsens, and floods, fires and heat-waves increase in intensity, native forest logging is less sustainable than ever. Several species, including koalas and greater gliders, are being pushed to the edge of extinction. It is vital that we preserve as much wildlife habitat as possible.

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

We cannot live without forests. We need them for oxygen production, as carbon sinks and as habitat for most of Australia's flora and fauna. All life is connected, and to imagine that we can continue to destroy our forests without consequence is utter insanity.

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

Timber demand can be met by existing plantation farms and better forestry management.

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

The transition to a totally plantation-based timber industry is nearly complete, and all native forest logging needs to stop immediately.

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

The real value of forests lies in providing critical habitat, water cycling, carbon storage, recreation and reducing fire risk. NSW logging is subsidised by tax-payers and not sustainable.

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

Native forests are priceless for so many reasons and they should be preserved as they are forever. Carbon offsets should not be attached to the end of native forest logging.