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

Logging native forests is NOT a sustainable operation - one day there won't be any native trees to log and forestry workers will be out of jobs. Sustainable plantations need to be implemented at some point - why not do it now BEFORE destroying habitats and ecosystems of many vulnerable species.

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

It is ludicrous that native forest logging is still a practice when many threatened species such as the koala and great gliders are losing their homes and ecosystems because of this practice. Once the ecosystems are destroyed there is no way of getting them back. Preservation and protection of these species and their homes and ecosystems NOW is the only way they will survive.

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

Working in the construction industry I understand the demand for timber. However, there are more and more sustainable products coming on the market and new technologies to make use of waste materials (such as woodchip) that have a similar look and abilities to native timbers. Support needs to be given to these practices, to engineer alternatives rather than to support ancient destructive practices.

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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**

By reframing the way we think about and use timber products we can use the hard and softwood plantations for required applications. We need to start viewing timber as the valuable resource it is rather than wasting it to make invaluable throw-away products.

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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**

The true value of our native forests is not in the production of timber, but is in the intricate relationships between flora and fauna - between the communities that have been working together and supporting each other over hundreds of thousands of years.

By placing the sole value on timber production makes it easier to justify the destruction of habitats and the eradication of the vulnerable species our forests are home to.

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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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Put credit where credit is due. Native forests have been home to such great biodiversity for thousands of years with no threat if climate crisis until mankind reduced their value to a monetary number and began its destruction.

Stop logging now and let our forests recover and let them continue to keep our climate stable and the biodiversity of their ecosystems thrive as they were designed to do. We will all be better for it in the long run.