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

Logging in Native Forests is not sustainable and should not happen at all! Our Country has the worst record in the World for the loss of Native habitat and species. Australia is a mostly arid country and the logging of Native Forests and climate change is so detrimental, it should not be allowed. If Industry states that it needs our Native Forests, what will they do when they are gone? Jobs can be replaced, Native Forests cannot.

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

The Native Forests are of special importance to our Indigenous Peoples. It is also where what is left of our Native Flora and Fauna survive. Tourism depends heavily on our remaining Native Forests. Water quality is not taken seriously enough either in the driest Continent on Earth.

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

There is enough Plantation Timber for housing etc so there is no need to remove anymore Native Trees in our remaining Forests. Plant more Plantation Timber if needed and leave our Native Forests to survive.

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

Hardwood and Softwood Plantations already supply most of our Timber needs and investment in already cleared land for more of the same Plantations should commence. Public Forest Subsidies should never have been enacted and should cease 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 Forestry Corporation relies on Government support and still cannot manage to produce more timber than managed Plantations. Government support should be stopped asap. More focus should be on Tourism and water management, more job opportunities would flow on then.

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

Thought should be given to the enormous amounts of carbon released into the atmosphere when Native Forests are logged. When logging in Native Forests is stopped, it allows the Forests to recover that brings more benefits like the storage of carbon and helping mitigate the effects of climate change.

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Please save our Native Forests.