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

Logging in NSW forests has exceeded sustainability for decades. When I was first aware of the logging of our native forests in the '70s and '80s, the typical logs on timber jinkers heading for the mills were all more than a metre in diameter and often up to 2.5 metres. Now, it would be very rare to find a log even close to a metre. These trees are too young and small to have developed the hollows needed by so many of the native mammals and birds. Such hollows take centuries to develop, so by logging young trees we are condemning our native fauna to homelessness and eventual extinction.

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

Mature forests are better at sequestering carbon than any other landscape cover. This is of extreme relevance as we face global climate chaos. There are over 100 threatened species which are directly impacted by logging the native forests of NSW. Of these, the Koala faces fairly certain extinction in NSW if logging continues in the proposed Great Koala National Park. To have declared the intention of the national park and then remove much of the critical feed trees is the height of cynicism. The current Labor Government will be remembered for this failure.

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

Stopping removing trees from NSW forests for sale as woodchips would immediately halve the destruction of our forests. The pittance we earn in no way compensates for the damage inflicted.

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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**

Studies have shown that logging encourages the incidence and impact of wildfires. State Forests have been taken to court and fined for destroying (supposedly) protected koala habitat. State Forests is a rogue institution which should be managing NSW forests for the benefit of all. Instead, they are focused on supply of timber and woodchips to the detriment of all other forest users - human and otherwise.