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

I don't think it's sustainable to continue logging native forests. According to recent research by ANY, ongoing logging in NSW affects the habit of at least 150 species at risk of extinction. We need to protect old growth forests because they provide homes for greater gliders. The logging industry is also unprofitable, which makes it quite questionable that it's still in operation.

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

What makes Australia Australia is our unique wildlife. Koalas, greater gliders, wombats, platypuses, and so on. The statistics on the decline of these species paint a grim picture for their future. Koalas are predicted to go extinct in the wild in the next 50 years. The greater glider population has declined by 80% in the past 20 years, likely due to a decline in old growth forests. It's crucial that we protect the unique Australian wildlife because once it's gone, it's gone.