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

We need to prioritise forests, as a way of protecting habitat, species biodiversity, soil and water quality, carbon sinks areas for rest and recreation.

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

Many state forests on the coast are rare remnants of indigenous connection and access to country, culture and continuity. These areas need to be allowed to regenerate and mature as managed by indigenous communities and National Parks as an act of healing, building community and supporting previously stated answers.

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

This is a real requirement of society, but so is the remediation of the impact of degraded farm land. Private industry investments supported by government sponsorship, both supports a burgeoning private enterprise and also has benefit regarding natural carbon sequestration.

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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**

The Forestry Corporation of NSW has lost their social licence and trust to log NSW forests in a responsibly way.