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

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The way logging is currently happening in NSW forests is just not helping our forests be sustainable. There are a few reasons why our forests are in such dire need of help. Native forest logging removes the older trees which provide essential habitat for our animals like the Koala and Greater Glider.

Continuing logging at the current level will most probably lead to the extinction of these species.

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

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In Australia we have animals living in our native forests that are found in no other country. Right now extinction of species is happening faster in our country than anywhere else in the world.

What a dubious record to have. I feel ashamed.

Our forests are not just a home to these our furry, feathered and finned friends they are also necessary for the clean air that we humans breathe.

Our indigenous people looked after these native forests for many thousands of years. For them the cultural and spiritual significance of these area is important.

There are people who walk and swim in these areas for recreation. My family and I visit these forest areas to bushwalk and have been dismayed by the brutal evidence of logging.

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

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We have sustainable timber plantations in NSW. WHY do we need to log our old growth native forests? We do NOT need this timber for our houses.

Making a shift to using just plantation timber would take away that pressure on our native forests and also support sustainable industry 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**

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I've read that 91% of Australia's log production is already provided by our plantations both hardwood and softwood.

If we invested in plantations on already cleared land we would have building material into the future.

We should end public forest subsidies.

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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**

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Vital water resources are provided to us by healthy native forests.

Our State Forests could be put to much better and more sustainable use. We have enormous potential for recreational use of some of these areas. If we pivot to building instead of cutting

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down what a boon to us all; carbon capture and storage and creation of different jobs. Let's use our brains and improve this situation. I know change is very uncomfortable but often for the better. Slave owner's didn't want to lose their slaves and timber cutters and forestry workers don't want to lose their forests. So let's not lose them!

I'm sick of my taxes being used to destroy public environments.

**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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Climate change is real. Maybe this current government may even believe this. Let's not stop just the logging, let's help the native forests rejuvenate, and store more carbon. We may even yet reach our climate goals.