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

Native forest harvesting is sustainable and will remain sustainable using the current NSW Government legislation administered by Local Land Services and regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency

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

Native forest logging does not threaten the values of the forest. Logging promotes regeneration. The disturbance in the forests promotes multi-age canopy crucial to biodiversity and animal habitat.

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

Demand for timber products is increasing and if not supplied locally will only be imported from operations with lesser environmental standards than that of NSW Government.

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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**

These resources all play a part in timber supply. They all have unique roles to play in the market. However, to replace native forest timbers from these resources will require the production of composite products with greater environmental impact whilst still being a lesser product than native forest timbers. Disposal at end of use will also cause a problem with the glues, resins and preservatives used in production.

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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**

State forests play a very important role in environmental, economic and social outcomes. Harvesting promotes the environmental components by creating a mixed age forest. Timber production plays a role in maintaining rural industry and supplies \$2.9 billion to the state's economy.

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**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**

State forest play an important role due to the ability to sequester carbon. Harvesting provides the ability to regenerate and further sequester carbon. The carbon of the previous rotation remains in the timber product whilst in use.