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

NSW forestry corporation is not operating in a “best practice” model. Recently released “Breaches” by Miriam Pepper and Jason Johns profiles breaches by FCNSW since the Black Summer bushfires. Recently FCNSW has been fined over \$300,000 on a breach of environmental regulations. As an Australian tax payer I resent my taxes being used to destroy precious habitat. If forests operations are to be viable they need to be “best practices” and not run at a loss. It needs to take into account scientific evidence and not be a cowboy approach to slash, burn and poison.

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

At the moment the only viable wild koala population will be on the east coast, in the native forests and also some plantations. Also for Greater Gliders and yet prime habitat for these 2 endangered species is at this very moment being destroyed. eg. Tuckers Nob, Shea's Nob, Bulga state forests and on line Little Newry and Pine Creek state forest and Viewmont. This is ludicrous. Sadly Newry state forest was logged last year and a sacred fire that the local Gumbaynggir people had created was disrespectfully destroyed by Urunga fire brigade while the Indigenous elders and others looked on in tears and begging for respect. What hope have we as a community if we continue to bring colonial practices to how we treat the indigenous peoples of Australia. The effort to allow the indigenous people back onto Newry to find significant cultural objects (as was directed by the Land and Environment Court) was a total sham as they were not allowed to leave the firetrails and shepherded by forestry workers.

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

70% of what is logged is used for wood chips, “green” energy, tomatoe stakes and pallets. (David Lindemeyer, The Forest Wars)  
Other materials could be found for some of these.

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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**

Native forests need to be protected, not logged. Best practice could provide timber. Overseas, eg. Germany manages their forests well and scientifically we need to look there for a way forward.

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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 are a perfect example of how Aboriginal forest management could be put in place.

**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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Currently the forestry practices in NSW | slash , burn and poison are in direct conflict with keeping green house gases down , and total disregard for bio diversity.