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

Native Forests logging is unsustainable, logging of native forests reduces biomass and carbon storage and removing mature trees takes away valuable food sources and hollow bearing trees for the wildlife that live in these forests. Native forest logging increases fire threat and intensity, erosion and water way pollution, and the penetration of weeds and other invasive species. Native forest logging reduces the function and health of waterways, including streams and rivers.

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

Forests, particularly healthy mature forests, generate rainfall, cool the landscape and clean the air. Our first nation people identify with our forests which are sacred to their culture & spirituality. 150 threatened species in NSW are directly impacted by logging native forests. Mature and unlogged native forests are critical for pollinators and play a key role in pollination across the landscape, both inside and outside of forests. Native forests provide recreation and improved health outcomes to locals and visitors alike and are a source of community pride and connection to place. There are 269 nationally listed threatened species in NSW and the landscape scale significance of native forests means that native forest logging compromises many ecosystems and habitats throughout NSW

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

We all know the demand for timber products in NSW so we need to source these products from more plantation farming than our beautiful forests which damage other plants, native animals homes & food source & the left over timber can cause bush fires. Hardwood logs taken from plantations made up 8.5 million cubic metres, and just 8% of these logs were saw and veneer logs. 87% of hardwood plantation logs were exported as wood chips!!!! Sawn and treated softwood logs and composite timber products made from softwoods can substitute for all current uses for native forest and plantation hardwoods. The market and demand for native forests is declining rapidly,

Topic 4. The future of softwood and hardwood plantations and the continuation of Private Native Forestry in helping meet timber supply needs

Plantations already provide 91% of Australia's log production

-A higher proportion of harvested logs from plantations should be prioritised as saw and veneer logs, rather than exporting them as wood chips

-Subsidising the logging of public native forests by the Forestry Corporation is non-competitive and distorts the market away from the more profitable softwood plantation industry

-High-end and luxury native hardwood products should only be selectively harvested on private land and under strict conditions

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

Native state forests cover an area of 2 million hectares in NSW and impact on a diverse set of living conditions for many towns, from water quality in reservoirs, to greater tourism industry opportunities, and carbon storage and abatement

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People of NSW should not be paying for the destruction of our native forests when most of us disagree with this issue.

We should have a say in where our money is spent & so far the Forestry does not protect our State Forests they demolish them with no regard to the animals that live in these Forests or the people who try & protect them.

We should have more First Nation people manage our forests their traditional way then they would be safe from the Forestry who only think of getting the dollars from the sale of the trees.

Public native forests have a much higher economic value when they are allowed to function naturally and without logging

First Nations Ranger Programs have been hugely successful at managing the recovery and health of native forests. Programs like the Githabul Rangers have shown how First Nations knowledge and management can restore the natural and critical function of forests in the landscape

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

Native forest logging in NSW is estimated to release 3.6 million tonnes of carbon every year

-Ending native forest logging would be the equivalent to removing 840 thousand cars from the roads per year

-Logging in a native forest reduces the amount of stored carbon by more than half of the original value

-Ending native forest logging will allow previously logged forests to regain lost carbon and make a significant contribution to meeting our emissions targets

-Climate change is driving increased risks for forest health and continued logging in native forests is exacerbating that risk

-Forests that have not been logged are more resilient to the changing climate and catastrophic fires that are occurring as a consequence.

We must all get together & protect what is left of our amazing forests in NSW for future generations to see & not witness the ever increasing destruction of our forests for wood chip for overseas buyers.

Our future generation are growing up with fear seeing the trees being destroyed the animals becoming endangered or extinct & our crazy weather patterns increasing every year.

NSW should be the leaders in conservation of these forests & show the rest of Australia that preserving them is the most important act you can do for the future of our country & the world.