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

There is nothing sustainable about logging our remaining native forests - even Blind Freddy can look into our future to understand that generations of quick and easy profits result in ever declining environmental outcomes.

We have to begin to consider the world we are leaving to our grandchildren's grandchildren - how can we justify rapping our entire plant for a quick profit when we could be improving past mistakes - yet we continue to degrade our natural world.

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

It seems that we see only how we can profit from nature, collectively we are still shortsighted.

Do we have a 100 year policy for our planet?

Do we have a 1000 year plan -obviously not. Why the HELL not?

Our society cannot go close to planning our long term future.

Our politicians plan for the very next election and the rest of us are planning for a perfect retirement.

We have thousands of government bureaucrats to cover every imaginable detail, but we still have zero future planners.

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

Science manages to find stunning solutions, why is harvesting sunshine to produce cellulose not on the highest priority?

Like solar panels, here in Australia, we could be "manufacturing" new and innovative timber products that do NOT lead to the destruction of ecological systems.

Use technology and not the dumb, easy options.

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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**

Introduced pine plantations appear to save native forests from logging, but clear felling these foreign forests is still a negative for the soils and those fauna that have adapted to this introduced ecosystem.

An engineered biological option is essential - please assign funds to get this technology off the drawing board.

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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**

This is perhaps the best short term option.

**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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The greenhouse gas capture potential is not being realized.

More than 60% of a logged forest is currently being left to rot.

Rotting returns the redcap carbon to our atmosphere.

There are already options available that are not being exploited.

For example, prunnings of pine plantations could be converted to charcoal and returned ( at no profit .. ) to the soils.

The stumps of logged trees could also be charcoaled,

This is a very long term carbon capture option.

With the correct engineering, this process could be fossil fuel neutral as the machines that do the hard work could be powered by the gases produced in this process - that is far better than venting to be wasted and become another pollutant.