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

Native + old-growth forest logging is an anachronism in the 21st century. Unprofitable, unproductive, destructive of diminished, shrinking habitat of which there is so little left. The practise is non-viable without subsidy - so it is time to cease, and direct the subsidies and effort to re-employing this working force to new, sustainable and viable alternatives

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

The 2019 bushfires, the years of drought before this, the shrinking area of environment left are all telling that the practice of exploiting the diminishing areas of native forest is long past its sensible end-date. Halt with time to re-employ and re-train the workforce in a timely manner

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

Timber products are increasing shifting to engineered or improved timber products, and timber grown in responsible plantations, not native forests. Put resources into assisting and fostering the development and improved value of engineered timber

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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