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

Only plantation forestry can be sustainable in Australia, since most commercially useful timber has already been unsustainably harvested. Logging of native forest must end.

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

The preservation of forests providing habitat, or potentially capable of providing habitat, for threatened or vulnerable species, must take precedence over native forest harvesting. Species requiring mature trees with hollows, such as greater gliders, must have the highest priority for management.

The Regional Forestry Agreements don't work and must be cancelled.

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

These must come from plantation forests, without any further clearing of native forest to plant them.

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

Private native forestry should, just as public forestry, be subject to the same environmental regulations as any other development.

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 must be dedicated to environmental and recreational activities.

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

Carbon and biodiversity markets are OK as long as preservation of biodiversity is given the highest priority. Credits must not be accepted as a result of damaging or polluting activities of other industries.