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

Not at all sustainable. If the current industry was truly sustainable I would not need to make this submission. Over the last 200 years we have decimated our forests & with them our flora & fauna diversity.

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

Forests are needed for much more than timber. They lock up huge amounts of carbon, provide habitat for our native animals including koalas, greater gliders & the great diversity of native bird life. They minimise erosion, rising salinity and of immense importance to our first Nations people.

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

These can be provided by growing species especially for these purposes rather than desecrating huge swathes of land to obtain what is needed from native forests which comprise numerous species that aren't wanted for construction etc. These unwanted species are just destroyed as waste when they are so needed for native animals and for other reasons listed above. At my own home I have a couple of possum boxes which are used annually by possums for having their young but this year a pair of lorikeets dispatched the possum from his box & took it over as a nest for their own young. It just goes to show that there are not enough old trees with hollows for all the wildlife that need them.

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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**

These can continue in appropriate areas. Maybe there are too many forestry workers and some need to find alternative work. Over time, numerous industries and their workers have had to adapt to changing circumstances & retrain for other employment. Forestry has known that this was on the cards for decades.

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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**

NSW These forests aren't protected areas. Forestry decimates these areas too as is happening in the area supposedly being set aside for koalas. Numerous reports from early colonialists reported that much of Australia under First Nations people was like grand parklands. We could learn a great deal from them about caring for the plants, animals & about using fire correctly to control over growth. Only last week the Northern Beaches area of Sydney was wary of late so called protective fire regimes. These should be done in late autumn & winter not in early spring when winds are high.

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**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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This is an area where educated & well trained forestry workers could manage areas rather than just cutting trees down.