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

The logging of Australian Native Forests is not a sustainable practice. It destroys seed trees, nesting hollows and the habitats of endangered species as well as many other plants and animals. Logging NSW Native Forests endangers the already endangered Koala and Greater Glider.

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

Any logging of NSW Native Forests damages the environment and cultural values of the area. Threatened species must be protected now. Aboriginal cultural heritage must be protected now. So much has been damaged already what remains must be protected for future generations.

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

The only sustainable source of timber is from plantations. Plantations must be developed on already cleared land.

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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**

The future of timber production must come from the development of soft and hardwood plantations.

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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**

State Forests must employ Aboriginal people to enable Aboriginal forest management models. Employ Aboriginal rangers as tour guides and to protect Significant Aboriginal sites.

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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**

By ceasing logging of Native Forests they become a carbon store and a biodiversity bank. We must stop logging to reduce the impact of climate change. Healthy Forests also reduce runoff and enhance water catchment areas.