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

The current mechanical logging by NSW Forests is not only unsustainable but also critically damaging to native forests.

NSW Forests continues to make losses which makes it unsustainable. Add to that the calculation of the loss created by critical damage.

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

Forests NSW constantly ignores regulations, creating even more destruction of mature nesting trees and mature healthy seed trees. All forms of life are destroyed when mechanical logging occurs. Every single tree is full of life.

With difficulty I have walked through NSW Forestry-damaged Murrah forests that due to their practices had become far more flammable.

Much was then consumed in a wild fire of October 2023.

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

Most of our native forests go through the chip mill which is such an unsustainable waste of a precious resource. Timber products can be sourced from from existing softwood and hardwood plantations.

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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**

Any new plantations or any private native forestry should be regulated. They should never be developed on existing native forest country.

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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**

The stewardship of our publicly owned forests should be carried out by an organisation that includes native forest ecosystem scientists, biologists, geomorphologists, wildlife biologists, plant ecologists and Indigenous Rangers.

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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**

The science and indigenous knowledge based stewardship of native forests will support the mitigation of climate change and the mitigation of Australia's appalling extinction of native species record.