

GARRY EDWARDS

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

Logging of native forests removes the older trees, removing hollows and their habitat for forest wildlife, such as the Koala and the Great Glider.

Current levels of logging are not sustainable and result in the removal of protections

\*Continued logging will likely contribute greatly to the extinction of forest dependent wildlife.

\*The 2019/20 fires have made this situation much more urgent and serious.

Forests are vital refuges for many threatened species that rely on mature, intact forests

\* Forests provide important services for the environment and regional communities, such as:

\* Water quality and flow regulation, important for water quality, fishing and tourism.

\* Recreational values for locals and visitors. Cultural and spiritual significance, especially for indigenous communities.

\* Habitat connectivity, supporting biodiversity and ecosystem health.

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

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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**

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Protecting and restoring State Forests will increase the economic value through tourism