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

I have visited and camped in Styx state Forest for the last 50 years. In the past I did not object to the forestry operation, it appeared sustainable. Forestry has increased logging, from what I have heard increased from 4% per year to 14% per year. What is happening in Styx forest now is large scale destruction, not sustainable logging

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

Logging in Styx forest is moving to clearing Greater Glider Habitat. Forestry did not find any habitat, friends of mine found 4 den trees and 19 greater gliders in the logging area. It appears forestry workers did not check the area at sundown

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

Plantation timber is available

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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**

Private plantations are available, forestry are labelling native forests as plantations, which are not plantations. Simply native forests

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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**

Forests are much more valuable standing. State governments fund the clearing of this valuable resource. With climate change we cannot afford to clear our forests. With native species decline we must preserve our remaining habitat. Koalas and greater gliders could become locally extinct if forest clearing continues at the present rate.

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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**

Stating the obvious, forests are the greatest source of reducing carbon in the atmosphere