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

I am appalled to see the destruction of our precious native forests by Forest Corp. Our rapidly diminishing native forests urgently need protection from logging. Forestry Operations logging run at a loss costing taxpayers millions of dollars. Our magnificent forests and all the biodiversity they hold are worth more left standing to preserve our endangered wildlife, flora and fauna, water catchments, soils and carbon storage. Our forests left standing are also a valuable asset for recreation and tourism.

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

Our diminishing native forests are precious, old growth habitats and wildlife corridors to threatened and endangered species. The hollows on old growth trees are hundreds of years old and are vital dwelling and feed trees for many endangered species- our greater gliders, glossy black cockatoos and koalas. Our Aboriginal Cultural Heritage sites must be protected and Aboriginal land rights must be respected above all. At present, endangered greater glider, glossy black cockatoo and koala habitats are being bulldozed despite their endangered species evidence- for example at Clouds Creek inland from Coffs Harbour and The Solitary Islands Marine Park. Our forests are worth more left standing.

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

Our native forests should never be logged at a taxpayer loss for any timber products. We need to find greater sustainable alternatives to using timber for building, construction or industry especially in old growth forests and endangered species habitat.

Topic 4. The future of softwood and hardwood plantations and the continuation of Private Native Forestry in helping meet timber supply needs

It is futile to log our native forests for jobs. Forest Corp need to diversify and their jobs need to evolve into more sustainable industries.

We can meet our timber needs using both plantation and recycled timber and timber alternatives. Forest Corp could diversify to planting millions of trees on already cleared land rather than clear felling forest then replanting plantation timber.

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

Forest Corp and State Forests need to be held accountable for logging operations where environmental protection is not a priority- eg in old growth forests, water catchment areas, Aboriginal sacred sites. Endangered and threatened species habitat need utmost priority to be safe from logging.

We need a greater role played by ecologists and environmental scientists.

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

Preserving all our carbon rich native forests is essential to help control our emissions. Logging our remaining native forests in a climate crisis is leading our planet into a dangerous future. The rich biodiversity of our remaining native forests needs to be preserved at all costs.