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

I fully support an end to native forest logging and a future based on sustainable plantations. Logging public native forests is costing the taxpayer millions and leading to permanent damage to our forests. It is well known that the forestry industry in NSW has been unsustainable for a long time. It is and has been losing money for decades and needs to stop immediately. They are destroying native forests for no gain and leaving wastelands. This practice has and is threatening endangered species, including our iconic Koala. It is also well known that the majority of wood cut in our native forests is ending up as wood chip. Rogue foresters are illegally cutting old important trees but, as they work for the government they don't care because ultimately the tax payer will be paying their fines. This is a tragedy that must stop.

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

Logging of native forests is leading to the extinction of species, such as the Greater Glider and Koala and so cannot be described as sustainable. We need healthy forests for holding carbon, cleaning our water, providing habitat, improving fire management, providing recreation, spiritual connection and logging native forests damages all these values.

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

90% of wood cut in outer native forests ends up as wood chip. Wood for construction is and needs to come from well planned timber 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**

All wood needs to come from well planned plantations and the logging of any Native Forests , private or public, needs to stop immediately.

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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**

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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**

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It is a no brainer. We know that forests sequester dangerous greenhouse gases and an old growth tree takes a huge amount of carbon out of the atmosphere compared to a newly planted tree. It will take 200 years to replace a 200 year old tree - at which time none of us will be alive - so how can we morally allow these trees to be cut ? It is an outrage that the government is still supporting this antiquated and unethical industry.