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

It is extremely important that the environmental and cultural values of forests, including threatened species and Aboriginal cultural heritage values are taken into account in regards to any future forestry operations in NSW.

The future of softwood and hardwood plantations and the continuation of Private Native Forestry in helping meet timber supply needs. State Forests must have stricter guidelines utilizing only the timber sourced from the man made timber forests without a negative impact on the environmental, biodiversity benefits native forests provide. It is also important that there is a consideration of how carbon and biodiversity markets adapt to climate change risks, including the greenhouse gas emission impacts of different uses of forests and assessment of climate change risks to forests.

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

In the last 200+ years more than 50% of the Australian forests have been logged and destroyed the other 50% has been either permanently converted to another land use or degraded during 200+ years of colonisation. And since then, millions more hectares of forests found nowhere else on Earth have been logged, cleared and burnt reducing the habitat for endangered species as. Greatly impacting sacred Aborignal sites.

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

Only timber sourced from environmentally ethical areas such as pre timber farms can be used in line with respect and consideration for the impact on call significant sites and the fauna and flora of the area.

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

All private native forestry must be required to have an audited environmental and cultural impact assessment yearly . The impact on the surrounding environment must be taken into consideration

# 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

State forests must put the environmental and curtail impact at the forefront and be audited for the environmental impact . Ecologists and Aboriginal traditional custodians must be employed separate to the companies to avoid any false reports . Native title holders are a small percent of the traditional custodians with the knowledge of the cultural significance of areas and can not be solely used for any approvals .



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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

Due to the research and current crisis in Australia other forms of building materials must be encouraged and a limit effects on tue environment via logging and forestry