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

It seems clear that the native forestry industry is not sustainable. The regrowth each time it is logged becomes poorer and poorer. It has required public tax- payer subsidy, I believe, for well over 20 years.

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

Many of our threatened species require old growth forests, with mature trees with natural hollows, and the greater diversity of plant species not available post logging.

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

I believe most of our timber needs are being met with plantation logging and should be met planting new forest, not chopping down the forests we have.

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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 forestry should be allowed to meet all our forestry needs

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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**

State forests are often spectacular and extremely important to sustain our native wildlife. What's more, the more a forest is logged the drier it, and the soil, becomes allowing more frequent and more dangerous bushfires.

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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**

Destroying native forests is one of the worlds most destructive activities for increasing carbon emissions. It make's absolutely no sense to try to reduce emissions using other methods, while still producing masses of carbon by chopping down trees.