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

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The Timber industry in NSW is highly regulated when it comes to Native Forest Logging - Under the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Agreement - which is what we work to, gives controls that are required to the industries continuation. Harvest Plans for Logging Coupes are all provided by Forestry Corporation of NSW.

Our Company has 40 plus years in the timber industry, which is a huge investment in people, equipment and community.

Workers in the native timber industry are caretakers of native forests for the future in that we want to keep working, want to keep employing people, want to continue supporting our local communities by way of buying our fuel, parts, donating to community, for example Amateur Fishing Clubs, Local Football Clubs, etc.

Between Bombala and Eden we use and support at least 14 local businesses on a daily/weekly basis, we need mechanics, welders, tyres, oil, etc - Wages we pay to our employees helps maintain thriving towns.

Due to being in the harvest and haulage industries we also utilise the services of services from outside our area, like Gippsland Truck Centre, RDO Equipment, Komatsu Forests, Mack Trucks etc.

NSW state forests produce certified sustainable time for everything from power poles to paper as part of the \$1 billion a year Australian timber industry.

NSW State forests have produced timber for a century. The small area harvested each year is carefully selected to ensure wildlife habitat and the forest environment are protected and conserved.

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

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The Native Timber Industry is regulated and a working native forest helps maintain the forests for environmental values - look at National Parks - full of weeds, feral animals and a massive fire hazard .

Under the Harvest Plans we work to environmental and cultural values are considered and worked to.

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

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If you keep locking up the native forests we will be low on sawn timber for housing and construction. NSW will be buying from overseas countries where the forests - and many rainforests - are destroyed due to lack of any real controls to the logging practices .

State Forests is the core of our business - we harvest a renewable resource

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

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Private Native Forestry is very important in helping compliment the native resource in State Forests. Selectively logged areas on Private Property help the property owner in hazard reduction, a better quality product when selectively logging the area.

**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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Forestry Corporation of NSW has such diverse opportunities for State Forests - bush walking, mountain biking, taking in the views, welcoming more than a million visitors a year.

**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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Carbon is absorbed by trees and it is stored in timber and wood products after trees are harvested.