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

The opinion of the majority of NSW residents is that current forestry operations in NSW is not sustainable and that native forest logging should cease. Stopping native forest logging would have a net financial benefit to the budget. From my understanding the NSW Perrottet government came to the same conclusion in 2022 same conclusion in 2022 but was not supported by their Coalition partners the nationals. Sustainability would be dramatically improved by stopping native forest logging and increasing plantation forestry. The government needs to be aware that due to 51% of Australian landmass is under to ownership of private agricultural landholders who up to this stage and as an overall view have not acted in a way to support the goal of sustainable forestry operations and because of this the government needs to take actions to support the interests of the majority of Australians who wish to have a sustainable forestry industry which also includes land under private ownership.

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

Threatened species is one of the the most pressing environmental issues Australia is facing at the moment. Loss of habitat is one of the biggest causes of Australia's species extinction crisis. Unless native forest logging stops I cant see how the species extinction crisis can be addressed. The environmental and cultural value of forests can only be preserved if the forests are managed sustainably. The approach the government must take is to view the impact of current forestry operations not just 5 or 10 years in the future but 100 years into the future and beyond. This is the approach a responsible government would take.

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

From my understanding all NSW current timber building needs can be met from plantation timbers and that careful future needs can be met by ramping up the plantation timber sector.