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

Native forest logging should be halted as soon as possible by phasing out all operations in these areas over the immediate future (5years). It is unsustainable impacting directly on landscapes, soils, soil biota, water and catchment hydrology, and all living things.

Plantation forestry should be the prime focus from now on.

The extent of clearing of natural areas in New South Wales, like many parts of the country, has resulted in a decline in geodiversity and biodiversity. This activity must be stopped, as has occurred in many parts of the world and in other parts of Australia. It is in the interest of humanity and all sentient beings but also all biotic and abiotic values.

In the world today it is just unacceptable for our State to continue to cut down native forest.

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

The extent of clearing of natural areas in NSW has resulted in the destruction and decline of geodiversity and biodiversity through forestry operations, agricultural activity, urban development and a range of other practices. It is now time to stop and look at how to treat all remaining wild areas with complete respect.

The natural environment all about us has been hammered by humans for a long time. It is now time to back off and leave what's left alone. It is very clear that human activities have stuffed up large areas of land and it seems completely unjustified to continue this approach to the wild landscape.

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

Plantation forestry in areas which have already been cleared should be the only areas timber is removed from for all our needs. Native forest areas should all be left as they are. This may mean cooperation with other States and countries to ensure only FSC certified timber is sourced. Native bush has been torn apart for generations to support human activities and it will not be long before it will be considered one of the biggest mistakes we have made in our treatment of the land. Some are already aware of that. It is extremely disrespectful and harmful to continue these practices.

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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

Fine to continue with plantations harvesting and replanting harvested plantations but private native forest logging and clearance should be halted as soon as possible. The clearance of native bush in NSW has gone on for too long and enough is enough it must be stopped.

**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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Stop native forest logging. The outcomes mentioned must be met in other way. The forest should be left alone. Only essential activities such as fire management should be conducted in these areas.

**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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Leave remaining native forests alone. Plant native trees in suitable locations for carbon management and to assist in climate change mitigation.