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

There is plenty of disused or underutilized cleared land that can be converted to forest plantations. Clearing existing native forests is not sustainable as there is no way to rejuvenate the biodiversity loss.

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

This cannot be overlooked, nor measured in a monetary value. Our natural environment, especially old growth forests that inhabit some of the oldest and tallest trees on earth are a source of connection to the land, inspiration and awe, and a place of belonging and ancestoral history for Aboriginal people. To destroy this for the sake of a one-off short term financial gain is obscene and injust.

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

We cannot address climate change without reversing ecological collapse and biodiversity loss. We need to keep the remainder of our forests not only for their carbon benefit, but their abundance of biodiversity