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

An overall overview body needs to be formed to manage where and how trees are harvested and the remediation.

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

Cultural views should not be considered.

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

There will be ongoing demand for quality hardwood species in particular. If its not available locally, then it will be obtained from overseas forests, the devastation of which will likely be much worse for the environment due to lax regulations in 2nd and 3rd world countries. A sensible balance needs to be found, such that locally sourced timbers remain available to our industries, ensuring that proper remediation practices are maintained in order to ensure flora and fauna diversity is not reduced (ie it can recover). This implies small patches are harvested at a time, allowing the surrounding undisturbed forests to 'push' back into the disturbed areas.

# 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

Indigenous peoples (or otherwise) claims that purport to restrict access to areas based on cultural beliefs and which are often found to have no basis in truth or found to be a hoge poge of conflicting beliefs should have no input to decisions for modern management practices of forests etc. Land must not be locked up simply because someone thinks the land has some sort of spirit ! (a form of idol worship).