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

Native forest logging is inappropriate as native forests must be protected as habitat for native animals, invertebrates and plants. There are environmentally responsible means of logging but native forest logging is not one of them.

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

Biodiversity is integral to land management. Logging native forests destroys biodiversity and cultural heritage. It is unnecessary and irresponsible.

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

Timber products are required for housing and other purposes. These can be sourced by environmentally responsible plantations. Logging native forests is, by definition, unsustainable as well as unnecessary.

# 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

State forests are an important recreational resource and planted plantations are important for employment. Native forests are not suitable for logging.