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

I fully support an immediate end to native forest logging and a future based on sustainable plantations. I'm watching political decisions closely AND I vote! The following is a short list of the issues I see associated with logging native forests:

- Logging of native forests is leading to the extinction of species, such as the Greater Glider and Koala. This cannot be described as sustainable.
  - Logging public native forests is costing the taxpayer millions and leading to permanent damage to our forests, why?
  - We need healthy forests for storing carbon, cleaning our water, providing habitat, improving fire management, providing recreation, spiritual connection. Logging native forests damages and degrades all these values!
- PLEASE END LOGGING OF NATIVE FORESTS NOW!!

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

First nations Australian's cared for our native forests for millenia and ascribe cultural and totemic importance to them and the creatures they protect. We must stop logging them for greed and profit, and degrading their heritage value.

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

Demand for timber products must be met from sustainable logging of plantation timber - this can and must be achieved.

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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

These needs can and must be met by plantation forests, NOT by removing native forests. Additional plantations when sustainably harvested can contribute to many of the benefits of native forests (carbon sequestration etc).

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## 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

The value of state native forests is more than the value of the timber we can remove and process. We must balance this against the environmental and cultural values, and the many ecosystem services provided by intact native forests left unlogged. These include removing and storing carbon from the atmosphere, providing habitat for rich biodiversity, maintaining soil health and minimising erosion and providing social and tourism amenity for hikers, campers and day visitors.

**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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We must explore and build an economic system that enables the true value of native forests to be recognised before decisions to log are made. This includes the value of biodiversity and atmospheric carbon removal as climate change mitigation tools.