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

We need a sustainable future and forrests. More than half (54%) of native forests have been destroyed. There is ample research defending why native forests should not be logged, our current logging practices are not sustainable. Creating biodiverse plantation forrest with selective harvesting is the future of forestry in consultation with first Nations peoples. These forests need diversity to reduce the risk of fires.

This is aside from the climate change risks with the extensive bushfires that we have experienced in NSW.

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

Biodiversity has been threatened by logging and climate change. We need to engage with First Nations people in the management of the forests and the cultural values for future generations.

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

Timber prodcuts need to represent the true cost of logging our environment. These need to include the costs of logging and it's impact on climate change

Topic 4. The future of softwood and hardwood plantations and the continuation of Private Native Forestry in helping meet timber supply needs

There is a place for Private plantation forestry to help meet timber but it needs to comply with the same environmental and social outcomes as Public owned forests. However there is no social license to log native forests.

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 State Forests need to focus on environmental goals to deliver a planet that is worth living in. There is no use in having economic and social outcomes if we do not live on a sustainable planet. There needs to be public funds used to build biodiversity and First Nations management models. However the continued logging of native forests subsidised by the state makes no economic sense.

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

These opportunities need to properly costed and implemented. The logging of native forrests needs to be halted immediately.