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

- Cutting down native forests releases large amounts of carbon, contributing to climate change. - Stopping logging helps forests to regenerate, so they can store more carbon and support climate stability. - To reduce the impacts of climate change, forests are essential. for mitigating extreme climate effects like wildfires and drought.

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

Intact Old and recovering Forests are important for the survival of our many endangered species. Australia is a mega diverse area with large concentrations of rare species and yet we are leading the world in our extinction record. These native forests were never planted and are the survival centres we need for habitat loss is the primary cause of extinction.

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

We need to transition into sustainable hardwood alternatives. The gov has not planted enough to meet increasing demand. We need to keep our hardwood timber for local use.

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

Independent assessment needs to be done of the forestry sector so we can effectively plan for future softwood and hardwood plantations and encourage the private farm forestry .

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 belong to us all. The climate problem and extinction crises have not been adequately addressed. Mental health is also in crisis and we know how important these refuges are for well being. We are only beginning to understand the rich intricate knowledge system of the indigenous caretaker's and we need to learn and work closely with them.

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

Carbon credits may be an incentive for forests to be protected but care needs to be taken about allowing continued degradation of our life support system. Real alternatives to dirty industry and power need to be found.