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

Given that Forestry Corporation is heavily subsidised to carry out their logging activities, this indicates that their operations are not currently sustainable and unlikely to be in the future. The removal of mature trees causes damage to the forests that will take hundreds of years to restore. The loss of food and habitat for all species can have drastic and dire effect on their populations.

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

The State Forests are home to threatened species like Greater Gliders, Koalas. With Australia leading the way in global mammal extinctions - do we want to add more to the list? Forests are habitat - and not just the big trees - shrubs and ground covers all go to make up the ecosystems that provide lifestyle for the species that live there. Trees protect the soil, reducing erosion and silt laden run-off into streams and rivers. Trees filter and clean the air. After logging, weeds move in and the forest can suffer dieback.

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

Timber can be sourced from plantations. There are alternatives available such as composite materials.

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

Less woodchip and more saw logs - if Forestry Corporation was not so heavily subsidized, PNF would be considered more economical.

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

Many state forests are sources of water for nearby towns. Unlogged these forests can provide tourism opportunities, homes for wildlife and soak up carbon. Last year Forestry Corporation was \$15 million in the red! This is costing taxpayers money!

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

Mature trees are an important carbon sink and can contribute to balancing our carbon emissions - but not if they are cut down.