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

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

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

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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

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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

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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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