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

The current and recent management culture at Forest Corp has no interest in a sustainable forest industry and has been intent on liquidating all available natural assets as fast as possible. This has been the goal since the 1970s. It may be possible to start again with an entirely new organisation but unlikely. Managing large areas for ecosystem function is now the best option. Some areas may be suitable for multi use management but not by Forest Corp. They have had decades to achieve this but failed.

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

The diversity and health of NSW forests when managed as an Aboriginal Cultural landscape is the benchmark. Protecting the remaining forests is crucial to halting the decline of threatened species and the life support functions the natural landscape provides.

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

The woodchip industry is the biggest problem in relation to the availability of timber products. Chipping logs to make paper for tiny amounts of revenue is ludicrous. Let trees reach larger sizes rather than just for pulp. Establishing well managed plantations in appropriate areas, reducing waste and building dwellings to last are needed.

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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**

See answer to Q3

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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**

State Forests could be amazing areas for a variety of outcomes. Forest Corp cannot do it.

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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**

Not really opportunities, but more like critical life supporting actions. The increasing threat posed by rapid climate heating means we need to be maximising the carbon storage of all existing forests and then increase many times over. Allowing carbon to be traded will not prevent climate heating. State Forests should be no go areas for carbon offsetting.