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

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The current sustainability of forestry operations in NSW is non-existent.

The future of forestry should be limited to harvesting only plantation timber. Forestry should also be seriously addressing alternatives such as hemp.

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

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The Australian and NSW government should hang its head in shame at the deliberate loss of biodiversity, native forests and our amazing, totally unique wildlife. Australia can "boast" one of the highest rates of species extinction and loss of habitat and bio-diversity in the whole world!!! It is utterly disgraceful.

In terms of bushfire mitigation, traditional owners should be engaged.

Loss of forests increased climate change, it makes the forest dry and more susceptible to increasing severe bush fires. Trees bring rain. Atmospheric moisture collects over forests and brings rain.

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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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All of these requirements should be coming from plantations ONLY. There should be an immediate halt to all native forest logging. Hemp can also be used effectively for a multitude of products, including for housing and construction.

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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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There should be NO Private logging at all of native forest. All Native Forests should be protected for the future survival of both animals AND humans.

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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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State Forestry does not care for the environment at all! Exclusions zones are laughable and totally inadequate.

I call on the NSW State government to immediately cease the destruction of the Bulga Forest in NSW as there are numerous highly endangered species including KOALAS, GREATER GLIDERS, QUOLLS.

Citizen scientists are doing the work.

Forests are far more valuable when left in tact instead of being decimated for timber. They sequester carbon, retain water, stabilise the soil, are homes for animals and they bring tourism. They also provide the whole planet with oxygen, something none of us can live without. There MUST be a change.

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I am appalled that the State Government is using public funds to decimate forests.

**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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STOP NATIVE FOREST LOGGING!!!

LOGGING IS THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM WHEN IT COMES CLIMATE CHANGE RISKS. EVEN THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL SPOKE ABOUT THE VALUE OF FORESTS AND TREES. AUSTRALIA NEEDS TO STEP UP! NO MORE DESTRUCTION OF FORESTS AND SPECIES EXTINCTION!!!!