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

There is no possible way the profits gained from native forest logging can come even close to the cost of losing these irreplaceable forests. Forests form the backbone of any healthy living environment. The trees provide us with oxygen for goodness sake. Not to mention being homes for the flora and fauna that makes up the sensitive and intricate ecosystem that allows us to exist on this planet. No amount of woodchips or timber can come close to the value these forests already provide for us.

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

Native forest logging is an outdated practice tied to last century's colonial attitudes. The lack of respect that continuing these practices demonstrates towards society's current environmental and cultural heritage values is sickening.

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

Society evolves and changes and so too must our legislation and processes. Demand and supply for timber products will adjust around changes in native forest logging rules. Humans are adaptable. First step is choosing the path we want to follow and businesses will change to meet conditions.

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

Stopping the export of wood chips would be a sensible first step in meeting timber supply needs.

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

Europeans forbid the destruction of their native forests as they recognise the environmental, economic and social value of these precious, irreplaceable resources. It is about time Australia did the same. It beggars belief that Foresty Corporation operates at a loss and has to be subsidised by the NSW public to destroy something that we all want protected. STOP!

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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