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

I believe there is clear evidence that the current forestry operations in NSW are neither economically nor environmentally sustainable. NSW government needs to call an immediate cessation to all Native Forest logging on both public and private lands in NSW. This needs to happen NOW.

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

Again the Environmental and Cultural values of the remaining native forests have been thoroughly documented by both Aboriginal Peoples and specialist environmental scientists, botanists, hydrographer, biologists, threatened species officers, paleo-botanists, zoologists who work in academia, in NSW Government Agencies and independently.

It is time the NSW government listens to the science. Logging native forests is no longer sustainable for the remaining endangered plants, animals and ecological communities in NSW forests.

It is economically ridiculous for NSW government to continue propping up this destructive loss making industry.

It is possible to better use these funds to re-employ forestry workers in Native Forest restoration industries.

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

Demand needs to be met by increased plantation timber on landholdings that are already cleared. Not on existing native forests.

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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**

As answered in Question 3 and above.

All private and public native forest logging needs to end now.

Softwood and hardwood plantations need to be expanded and should only be planted in areas that are already cleared. No plantation timber should be introduced into existing native forest.

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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**

All NSW State Native Forests need to be declared National Park, State Conservation Areas and State Special Area Reserves.

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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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Federal, NSW and all State governments need to take leadership and create an Australia wide, legislative, clear pathway to better enable the above.