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

Logging state forest is harmful to the environment and endangered and non native non endangered species and not sustainable -plantation logging is the way.

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

In Bulga in particular the glider is threatened and overall cultural and environmental factors are not given the importance and shown the respect they deserve. This is scurrilous if industry and government that backs this industry and has to change.

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

Plantation forest is capable of providing all needed supplies within an ethical and sustainable framework.

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

Investment in industry for timber should look like investment in plantation that is not harmful to indigenous culture and catastrophic to environment and species living there.

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 management for public interests should and must include consultation with conservation and cultural consultants to redress past practices of harm to cultural indigenous sites and places of beauty to be retained for all further generations - aboriginal forest management should be actively sought out a nd followed to help in the increase of weather catastrophe to manage against disasterous fires and avoid landslides and erosion - they really do know better ways with the land and should be sought out properly- the local elders not just those who have come forward to work in political frames.

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

As in number five indigenous directives should be sought and followed. What serves the ecosystems is what serves humanity. Preservation and priority to sustainability ensures the health and wellbeing of life for the future- providing access to industry is shortsighted and ethically highly questionable. The suffering of animals and species of sentience which trees actually are is wrong and more respect to nature is needed. We cannot live on dollars and concrete. Please do

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more to help save native forests and allow them to grow to be old growth for the diversity of life they sustain is paramount for society moreso than stocks and shares.