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The Independent Forestry Panel has been appointed to lead consultation on the sustainability of current and future forestry operations in NSW, ahead of the NSW Government developing its Forestry Industry Action Plan. The Panel is tasked with consulting and reporting to Government on the best options to achieve the balance between sustainable supplies of timber and NSW's environmental commitments.

The Panel is seeking your views on the sustainability of current and future forestry operations in NSW. This includes forest conservation, public and private native forests, softwood and

The Panel invites written submissions from individuals and organisations on the sustainability of current and future forestry operations in NSW. The Panel would like to hear from a broad range of stakeholders, including representatives from the timber industry, forest growers, environment groups, unions, Aboriginal communities, local government, business, related industries, tourism and scientific experts.

Please structure your submission to address any or all of the topic areas below, including if and how you think current practices can improve. Please indicate the timeframe for any suggested changes, and the implications for both industry and the environment over the next 30 years.

Following this structure will help the Panel respond to some of the

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## Your submission

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

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Native forest logging is not sustainable and is contributing to the extinction of species such as greater gliders and koalas. It should cease immediately. The NSW taxpayer contributes to a loss making operation. As a unionist, I feel for workers, and their futures must be addressed. However, the number of people working DIRECTLY in the timber industry must be clearly stated, and separate figures for plantation and native forest workers need to be given.

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

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It is devastating to think of the possibility of koalas becoming extinct, and this includes specific variations of the species that are particular to certain areas, not just the species as a whole. More education of the general public concerning Aboriginal cultural values and cultural burns would be very welcome.

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

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The timber industry misrepresents timber use by mixing up the figures for plantations and native forests. Figures that clearly show where timber from each source is being used must be presented to the public. Also showing clearly the volume of woodchips from native forests being sent overseas will help to give an accurate picture of the situation.

### **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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Sustainable plantations should be supported. Private native forestry must be rigorously supervised.

### **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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The culture of State Forests is appalling. Continually breaching guidelines and destroying forests that will take many decades to recover is just not acceptable. There are fabulous opportunities to deliver the outcomes listed above but is the current leadership up to the job?

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### **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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Yes! All of these things can be helped by ending native forest logging immediately and employing a leadership team that is dedicated to these outcomes. As someone who loves in a rural area on a forested property, I am very concerned about fire risk. Logging of native forests contributes to the drying out of forests and this contributes to greater fire risk.

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