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

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Dear Panel

I write in support of an immediate end to native forest logging and a future industry based on sustainable plantations.

I am acutely aware that NSW's native forest continues to be in danger of destruction or degradation. Bushfires regularly ravage our native forests and this is only going to get worse, with climate change. The one thing that lies within our control, is the human activity which deliberately destroys native forests, specifically, native forest logging.

It would be unconscionable to continue to allow NSW native forest logging, under these circumstances. The states of Western Australia and Victoria have already put an end to native forest logging and it is time that NSW did the same.

Native forests, with their inherent rich biodiversity, have a crucial role in carbon storage, clean air, the water cycle and providing critical habitat for Australia's beautiful and vital fauna and flora, much of which is also under threat or in danger of extinction.

Specific animals which have already been identified as being directly affected by NSW native forest logging include the iconic Koala and greater glider.

We are ultimately just custodians of our Australian natural environment and forests, which should be preserved and cared for, for future generations.

Please let's not destroy what still exist of our native forests and the animals and flora within them.

Thank you very much.