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

Current forestry operations are unsustainable with a loss in quality and quantity of native flora and fauna.

In future we need to protect, enhance and enlarge the native forests and concentrate on the plantation forests to supply NSW's timber needs.

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

The environmental benefits of forests are numerous and extremely important to the wellbeing of the planet. Forests are carbon sinks and generate oxygen in return which we all need to survive. Healthy native forests provide habitat for diverse flora and fauna. Increasing numbers of community members benefit from the recreational and cultural parts of native forests.

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

The demand needs to be met from sustainable plantation forests including softwood and hardwood.

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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**

Wood is definitely an excellent renewable product for construction and other uses. Expansion of plantation forests can meet the future demand rather than destroying existing native forests.

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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**

The State Forests will still need to be managed to expand and enhance the existing environmental and social benefits of the native forests.

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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**

The wellbeing of NSW, and the planet, in the future will rely on healthy and well looked after forests fulfilling their role of removing carbon from the atmosphere, to control the temperature, and providing vital oxygen to maintain life. Healthy native forests and a stable atmosphere will help maintain the biodiversity.

Thanks for the opportunity to make a submission on this important issue. The sooner we can transition from the use of native forests to plantation forests, to provide for our timber needs, the better. Other States in Australia and other countries have already made the move and we can

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learn from their experiences with forest management. I believe it is one of the biggest environmental issues we face and one which can be achieved relatively easily with enormous potential benefits to NSW's flora and fauna and our atmosphere.