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

NSW Forestry must be managed in a totally sustainable manner, and that does not include harvesting in native forests. Native ecosystems are highly complex with well over a hundred different species depending on extensive preservation of their habitats which must maintain an adequate balance which includes waterways. Species extinction in Australia is among the highest in the world and the logging and more general destruction of native forest is a root cause. This is in addition to the loss of biomass and carbon storage which in turn affects climate change. We cannot continue to extract resources from native forests and just hope that everything will be ok for future generations!

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

Beyond the immediate environmental issues created by native forest destruction, there are numerous cultural issues as well - not just respect for indigenous values but for those of the population at large who have come to value native forests as part of the national heritage for all Australians.

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

Timber getting can be and is, in some cases, a sustainable industry and of great value to the construction sector, but it cannot be justified at the cost of native forests. More effort needs to be made to utilize plantation timbers grown on land already compromised.

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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**

Australia (and NSW) have the skills, knowledge and resources to manage sustainable plantation timbers without resorting to destroying 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**

It is extraordinary if the political will cannot be mustered to support competent management of both our environmental heritage in the form of native forests as well as the supply of plantation hardwoods and softwoods.

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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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Not only must new logging ventures be prohibited in surviving native forests but rehabilitation of previously logged areas must also be a priority. We are facing catastrophic conditions due to climate change and loss of biodiversity and policy makers must be prepared to take the longer view rather than one which may appear to deliver short-term gains.