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

NOT Sustainable - please end this year of 2024.

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

Forests are vital refuges for many threatened species that rely on mature, intact forests. Forests provide important services for the environment and regional communities.

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

Shifting to plantation timber reduces pressure on native forests, supporting sustainable industry practices.

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

Hardwood and softwood plantations already provide 91% of Australia's log production.
- Investment in hardwood plantations on already cleared land would supply timber products into the future.

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 Forestry Corporation is currently financially unsustainable, relying on government support and yielding less timber compared to managed plantations.

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

Stopping logging allows forests to recover, helping them store more carbon and support climate goals.

- Healthy forests are essential for reducing the impacts of climate change like wildfires and drought.