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

A sustainable forestry industry must rely solely on plantations; all logging in public native forests should cease to protect biodiversity.

Most wood products can be sourced from plantations. The loss of native forests is unjustified, as alternatives exist for both hardwood and boutique products through recycling and sustainable sourcing.

Our planet is in crisis action should protect all native forests.

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

Aboriginal peoples cared for this land for at least 65,000 years. The government should always include traditional land holders in the management of native forests.

Australia has the highest number of extinct mammals in the world we must preserve & expand what native habitat we already have.

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

Plantation forests should be used for building, construction. Recycling of building materials should be a priority. native forests should be preserved for maintaining biodiversity & a refuge for endangered wildlife

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

New plantations & private should never involve land clearing of areas of native vegetation. We have thousands of threatened & endangered species of plants & animal which must be protected.

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

Native forests should not be logged at all . Aboriginal traditional owners should be involved in their management at all levels of Government.

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

Intact natural systems play a vital role in carbon sequestration. Current carbon trading schemes lack integrity and should not include public native forests, as this could enable further environmental degradation.