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

We need to leave old growth forest alone!

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

We need to listen seriously to the wishes of the Traditional Custodians about any their lands that are affected by forestry operations. Threatened species must also be a priority.

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

This should be acknowledged - and plantations and recycled materials must be looked to as the primary source to meet these needs.

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

Plantations are necessary - but old growth forest should not be sacrificed to this end.

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

This role is essential - but all concerned parties should have an equally balanced say, not just the corporations making money out of the resource calling the shots.

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

All valid points.