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

Logging has been going on for far too long. Our planet is suffering. WE humans need to do all in our capacity to stop further destruction of nature. I

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

I never realised till recently that when we log 'old' growth forests, we destroy WHOLE eco systems that have been millions of years in the making. We may NEVER get it back. We are destroying our own house!

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

In the past we thought it would be impossible to stop doing something. Take lead paint. Take restrictions on smoking. I believe it is of utmost importance to stop logging in ALL forests and find alternatives. Not easy but doable.

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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**

yes under strict guidelines of preserving wild life and use of chemicals.

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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**

make it a priority to involve and give responsibilities to First Nations Peoples. They looked after this land for 60.000 years. Yes the newcomer destroyed a lot of knowledge but the basic values towards nature are still in place and skills will return.