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

Forestry in native forests must end. Plantation forestry should be the sole source of timber harvesting.

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

There are multiple reports and reviews showing that native forests are the havens for threatened species and they host many Aboriginal cultural sites. It's a well ploughed. Stop logging native forests period.

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

Plantation forests will have to provide for our construction needs. We simply cannot continue to log native forests.

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

See above. Plantations will have to be organised to meet our needs.

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

No logging of State Forests. Plantations only. Simple. More forests are desperately needed. Stop wholesale land clearing and preserve and expand our state forest. Leave old growth forests alone.

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

Again it is simple. Preserve what we have in the way of forests and expand them to achieve a reduction in greenhouse gases. We are in an emergency situation right now. We can't continue business as usual. We must act now while we have time.