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

The industry is not sustainable as a critical mass of forest has been removed and the need for a carbon sink and animal habitat is already endangered.

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

The 2020 2021 bushfires caused such severe damage in terms of animal, plant and insect loss that the environment is still recovering and will be for a very long period of time. Aboriginal cultural heritage can only be respected by ending native forest harvesting,

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

Recycling, reuse and alternative products should be the first choice for all projects. More research and development in this area is essential.

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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**

Only planned planted forests which source the best quality and fastest growing trees should be harvested.

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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**

State Forests record in management in consideration of these values does not give any guarantee of outcome. Their objectives are too opposed to forming and implementing appropriate models.

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## **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**

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Carbon benefits can be realized in planned non native forestry.