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

It seems obvious that logging of native forests is not sustainable. It takes hundreds of years for some tree species to reach full maturity.

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

I am very concerned about the logging of native forests on the mid north coast of NSW. Native species which are under threat, such as the koala and the greater glider, are losing valuable habitat. Australia's record on extinction of native species is shocking, and loss of habitat is a significant factor in the decline of native species.

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

Would it be possible for us to use more recycled plastic for building and other purposes? I would prefer to see industries which help to clean up our environment being subsidised.

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

Forests are the lungs of the earth and they are desperately needed for the health and well being of the people and animals of the planet.