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

Logging in native forests is not sustainable, nearly the ENTIRE population of NSW does NOT want this to continue. It's a long time coming to end this very destructive practice of short-term gains of resource extraction, Plantation is the solution - not habitat destruction!

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

Habitat connectivity, supporting biodiversity and ecosystem health. Protecting our waterways.

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

Plantations can supply our high quality and composite timber products

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

Shifting to higher-value plantations can better meet timber needs.

- Ending public forest subsidies would boost sustainable timber production on private lands.

## 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

The Forestry Corporation is currently financially unsustainable, relying on government support and yielding less timber compared to managed plantations.

# 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

- Healthy forests are essential for reducing the impacts of climate change like wildfires and drought.
- By stopping logging, forests can play a large role in mitigating climate risks and supporting opportunities in carbon markets.