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

Current forestry practices are not harvesting native state forests at sustainable levels. We are sacrificing priceless habitat and environmental assets for short term financial benefits. And often for relatively worthless wood chipped products. To go into these forests, such as the Styx River forests is to see destruction rather than sustainability. We need sustainable plantation timber not logging our native forests.

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

Australian's native forests contain vital habitat for our threatened animals including greater gliders, barking owls and many more species. The logging practices do not leave enough den trees or feed trees to support the animals and birds that live there. These den trees take 150 yrs of growth. I am particularly concerned about the Styx River area that is being harvested without care. It is destroying a previous environmental and cultural resource that cannot be replaced. Logging of these high value environmental must stop so we save something for future generations. They also represent considerable carbon rich sinks that need to be maintained as we strive to contain global warming.

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

We need considered sustainable plantation forests NOT harvesting and destroying our native forests that are vital animal habitats and are an asset that belong to future generations as well as the current.

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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**

Private native forestry is unregulated and should not be allowed. It gives rise to allowing individuals to profit from the clearing of the remaining precious forests we have. We need

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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**

We need responsible government controlled growing, maintain and harvesting of plantation timber. Not privatized profit driven control. Aboriginal people should have significant control of areas of forest remaining. State forest with a strong conservation led focus for long term environmental safety and development if a sustainable timber industry. Our native forests need protection from state forestry at the moment. This must stop

**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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Native forests are carbon rich assets that need to be protected. The use of biodiversity credits does not save the habitat or cultural value lost by forestry harvesting. At this time of climate crisis we need to save our native forests and recognise their environmental and cultural value. These can't be mitigated