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

Sustainable forestry must mean that these old growth habitats are protected and trees left to decompose even in their diseased state. Humans can only protect these habitats by maintaining indigenous ways of looking after forests and the bush.

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

Old growth forests are keystone in maintaining biodiversity, and species already extinct in other areas. Old growth forest maintain habitats in soil, water and air that are extinguished by logging. Arguments that forests grow back do not carry the need to protect those habitats, such as bacteria, fungi and algae that support plants and the ecosystem. With logging these vulnerable habitats are lost and cannot recover.