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

Native and old growth forests are too valuable to be destroyed . They protect the air, water, habitat for many native animals and birds that would not survive without them.

At present the Forestry Corporation is being subsidised by the tax payer and much of the wood is made into wood chips and exported.

Change needs to be made to protect this valuable asset for the general public.

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

These forests are important to First Nationa people as part of country - the forest is where many threatened creatures can live - and environmentally the forests provide shelter and coolness - thereby reducing fire risk. Also important pollinators make their home in the native trees.

And very important in our changing climate the forests capture carbon and release oxygen.

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

These demands can better be supplied by timber from managed plantations. Most of the wood from old growth forests is reduced to wood chip or exported for profit - and this part of the industry is subsidised heavily from taxpayers .

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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**

Well managed plantations are already doing the job of meeting timber supply needs.

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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**

Aboriginal rangers do a terrific job of managing the State Forests- they can reduce fire risks and sustain regrowth in areas destroyed by fire or logging. For the general public the forests provide social balance and mental health benefits- also recreation and education about our wildlife and environment .

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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**

Logging and clearing forest releases tons of climate changing emissions. Left alone to grow they are invaluable to us- as carbon storage, habitat for our threatened species such as Greater Gliders, oxygen creation and cooling of the country nd planet. Also when they are cut down the waterways are polluted and flow reduced.