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

It is obvious that logging in native forests is the antithesis of sustainability. The logged forest is destroyed. Forestry operations must be constrained to new plantations on land already cleared. Redefining clear felled areas as "plantation" is not acceptable. Leaving forests for 30 years is a good idea.

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

Forest is the environment! "Value" is not a criterion. Forests are essential for biodiversity and climate stabilisation.

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

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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

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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

NSW forestry corporation has been and continues to be a costly, destructive and corrupt organisation repeatedly breaching constraints imposed on its rapacious activity. A new body is needed to preserve and safeguard the remaining native forests. The resources of the NSWFC can be deployed in developing new plantations in areas well separated from existing native forests.

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

"Carbon benefits" is ill defined. If the term is being used to refer to the reduction in carbon dioxide released by ceasing the burning of fossil fuels then ceasing to log native forests is a sound path to sustainability. It is not viable to continue to plunder nature in support of "carbon and biodiversity markets" - whatever they may be.