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

The forestry industry here near Coffs Harbour is clearfelling our forests 4 times faster than they have done in the past. Hardwood forestry runs at a loss and it is insane to keep propping this industry up with taxpayers money. Every other worker over the years whose employment has become redundant has to retrain. Why shouldn't these workers also?

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

The fact that extinction of the Koala and Greater Glider are being threatened with extinction seems to be ignored. Added to that are other species which also could be threatened such as insects. I am a birdwatcher and have noticed in the last 5 years the decline in the species around the Coffs Coast.

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

Housing construction is mainly built with softwood. We should not be cutting down our precious hardwood forests.

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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**

A recent call mooted for concrete power polls to be used in the future was met with the forestry lobby calling for the use to be kept to hardwood poles. This is just trying to prop up their unsustainable use of our precious hardwood forests.

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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**

State forests claim that they are helping the forests by cutting down trees, this includes clearfelling, illegal damage to private properties. Old growth trees which our hollow reliant species rely on for roosting and nesting are also cut down. this is not diverse management. Its Forestry propaganda.

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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**

Carbon storage is essential as well with an evergrowing population we need clean water. so it is essential to keep our forests.