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

It is heart-breaking to see the destruction of our Native Forests when Australia has so little of them left. What is left of our Native Wildlife depends on old native trees to live and shelter. Australia leads the way in the Extinction of our Native Wildlife which all Australians should be aware of and ashamed of. Our wonderful and unique Native birds and animals are disappearing at an alarming rate and the recent bushfires have only increased their distress. Without the dedication of numerous, non Government funded Nature charities, our wildlife would be without any help or hope but they need the logging of our Native forests to cease so there will be Native birds and animals to protect in the future.

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

Our Indigenous Peoples have had so much of their important Heritage destroyed and the Native Forests remaining have so much cultural and spiritual significance for them. Our Native Species depend on our Native Forests to survive. These concerns need to be taken into account more as once the forests are gone, the Aboriginal Heritage and Native Species also will be gone.

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

It should be a crime to log anymore of our Native Forests since there are so few left and so many Native Species depend on them. Plantation Timber supplies almost all of our timber needs and more of these plantations can take the strain off our remaining Native Forests. It is so clear that our Indigenous People and Native Species need our Native Forests more than industry does.

Topic 4. The future of softwood and hardwood plantations and the continuation of Private Native Forestry in helping meet timber supply needs

Public Forest Subsidies should Never have been approved. Softwood and hardwood plantations already supply the majority of timber supply needs, why are Native Forests still being logged? Why are our Indigenous People and Native Species not held in more importance? Investment in Plantation Forests on private lands makes economic sense and would ensure a sustainable timber supply . Our old growth Native Forests need to regenerate after logging and the recent bushfires.

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

Government support for the Forestry Corporation, that is financially unsustainable should be ceased immediately. The majority of Australians are against these subsidies and want more investment in plantation timber. Healthy Native Forests provide essential water resources, which are vital. Aboriginal models for diverse Native Forest management should be implemented for the future of cultural and social value of our old growth 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

Stopping the logging of our Native Forests will stop the release of carbon which is so harmful to the environment and promotes climate change. Healthy old growth forests are essential for the protection against bushfires and drought. Logging our Native Forests makes no sense especially when we are losing our Native Wildlife at an alarming rate, our Indigenous Peoples culture is ignored and the mitigation of drought and wildfires is ignored. Please stop the logging of our Native Forests. So many Australians are putting their faith in the Panel to help our Forests recover and thrive.