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

The logging operations are taking the biggest trees which means there is no refuge above the fires for animals and reduced numbers of trees to produce seeds. Unsustainable !  
Previously select trees were cut with smaller ones left beside them. This is slower work but does over time give a greater harvest.

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

The forests are an essential resource for people to experience nature. Especially so as people live more densely and with more stress than previously.

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

There are missed opportunities in recycling timber. For example post the Lismore flood. Products such as bamboo or recycled plastics may be useful.

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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**

These are valuable. These planted forests don't give the biodiversity of a natural stand.

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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**

This balance of environment and economic outcomes has been assessed by those who wish to continue the industry. I read that our beautiful forests are sold for about \$2 per mature tree. How is that sensible? That is hundreds of years of growth. With the changing climate they may not be able to regrow. Gone forever.

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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**

Well then you better stop cutting and start planting. Measure the plantings over five years at least to ensure they survive.