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

Given that since European settlement in Australia began, over 70% of the continent's forest cover has been destroyed. Given the role of forest cover in containing carbon, this cannot continue. Forestry operations need to be contained within (as yet nationally undetermined) sustainable parameters.

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

Other people, particularly scientists who work in this area, are better able than I to attest to the risks to species, Aboriginal heritage and forest cultural values; suffice it to add that the hundreds of species extinctions that have already taken place plus those currently threatened are surely evidence enough that forest recovery is far more important than further compromises to enable continuing forestry operations at even minimal levels.

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

there are many viable alternatives to timber for all of the needs of housing and construction. It is a matter of accepting the need to use them and implementing this by governmental regulation. Timber recycling also needs to be upgraded to much higher levels than currently exists.

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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**

Sustainable plantation timber has been poorly planned and managed in Australia, based mainly on speed of growth to harvesting. a longer term investment on the best species best suited to Australian landscape conditions would be a good starting point

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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 Australia Aboriginal forest management models, as far as presently understood, were appropriate for the much more limited population that thrived here in pre-European settlement times. Their use today is unlikely to be as successful. The remainder of section 5 is just waffle.

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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**

any realistic analysis of 6 would necessitate the work of entire government departments at a national level over a long period of time. see last sentence to 5.