

NAME REDACTED

Submission ID: 201247

---

**Organisation:** N/A

---

**Location:** *Location redacted*

---

**Supporting materials uploaded:** N/A

Submission date: 9/28/2024 3:27:55 PM

---

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

I would like to submit to the Independent Forestry Panel my views as an environmental representative on my local community committee that native logging now has to cease and be immediately replaced with sustainable plantations for the future of species such as the koala and greater glider native.

These old logging practices are costing us millions of tax payers dollars as well as loss of iconic species that our country is known for.

---

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

Healthy forests are essential for holding carbon, cleaning our water, providing habitat and improving fire management. The logging of our forests damages these values.

---

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

The demand for timber to supply our housing needs has been shown that it can be easily met with hardwood and softwood plantations.

---

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

As hardwood and softwood plantations already provide 91% of Australia's log production this submission recommends that public forest subsidies be invested instead into sustainable timber production on private lands. Investment in hardwood plantation on already cleared land would supply timber products into the future

---

**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**

The role of State Forests needs to take on board scientific evidence that old forests are more resilient to wild fire, are essential for habitat connectivity, biodiversity and ecosystem health. State Forests also needs to protect and restore State Forests as this has been proven to increase their economic value through tourism, carbon storage, job creation and recreational opportunities.

**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**

---

It has been shown else where in the world that by stopping native forest logging, governments can play a large role in mitigating climate risks and support opportunities in carbon markets.