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

We need to cease native forest logging immediately. The future is in sustainable plantation and recycled timbers. Deforestation continues to obliterate old growth habitats which are crucial to the survival of many endangered and threatened species. The removal of established old growth increases the threat of fire, erosion, waterway pollution and invasive species. Despite all the evidence, Forestry Corp continues to increase logging operations statewide. There is no place for the word "sustainability" within the same sentence as "forestry operations".

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

Our First Nations people are connected to the landscape, and have operated within the forests, rivers, plains and seas for thousands of years. This landscape holds significant cultural and spiritual value to First Nations people and yet we continue to destroy our irreplaceable native forests for profit.

Old growth forests generate rainfall, cool the earth, clean the air, pollinate our food. Without them we would literally all be dead, along with all the threatened species Forest Corp are so hell bend on destroying for dollars.

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

Half of the hardwood sourced from native forests is chipped then shipped overseas which is mind-blowing. We are shredding our children inheritance.

There are current substitutes for native hardwood including recycled timber, composite products, softwood and hardwood plantation timbers. There is simply no need to deforest to supply the above mentioned sectors.

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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**

Plantation timber already contributes to 91% of Australia's log production and a higher number of this percentage needs to stay in the country for use in above mentioned sectors, not turned into wood chips and shipped offshore. Private native logging needs to have strict conditions to operate under.

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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**

Unlogged native forests have a greater economical and ecological value than logged. They provide tourism industry opportunities for the community, ensure our biodiversity, carbon storage and water quality.

**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**

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Ending logging in our native forests would be the equivalent of removing approximately 840 thousand cars per year off our roads. The continuation of intense logging in our native forests continues to drive climate change and we MUST put an end to logging our beautiful native forests immediately!