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

The timber industry has been part of the community since European settlement. The biggest threat to forests is lack of management and fire

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

Forest for commercial and non-commercial reasons are part of the local identity in my town. We love the local forests for what they offer for timber production and environmental reasons

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

The old homes in my town are timber. The timber was milled locally as that was the material available at the time. Even with the new materials available people still choose to build with timber because it is a great product. Even people who say they worry the most about the forest still love their timber floors.

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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**

Private native forestry will help to provide timber to the community, especially if there are less state forests for harvest. More and more rules around native forest harvesting will mean more contractors won't harvest native timbers.  
Plantations produce different timber to native forests. Plantations also need land to grow on that gets enough rain. Plantations planted now won't help for at least 40 years.

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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**

Aboriginal forest management should be used, like sensible burning practices. The current burning in state owned forests, including national parks, is too many years apart. If there is another big fire season there won't be plants or animals left to worry about.

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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**

Climate change will lead to times with less rain and more fires. We shouldn't be managing for a market of credits. We should be managing for potential fire dangers to the forests and surrounding communities