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

We are one of the world's worst countries for deforestation, and also one of the world's worst for resulting species losses - a sad record if one considers we are in that list with countries like Brazil. We advertise koalas as a tourist drawcard, while cutting the trees from under their furry bums. We clear native growth in NT to plant cotton - a high poison, high water crop.

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

Our indigenous peoples have had a good record of looking after this land for millenia, and in 200 years we have decimated not only the people, but also the land they hold in such high regard - we should learn from them.

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

We need to use replacement for timber products for housing - we cannot continue to cut down our forests, which support many plants and animals. We probably also need to look at curtailing our population growth- the current rate is not sustainable either, and there is no planet B. Our planet is the only one that can sustain us, and it is time we looked after it better, so it can continue to do just that. The alternative, to raze every tree and shrub until our planet is bare, is too dreadful to contemplate. We must look after all that beauty that makes our planet liveable.

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

We need to task our eminent scientists to come up with better solutions, rather than continue on a path to a sad end.

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

as mentioned before, our indigenous peoples respected the live-giver that is our planet, and looked after it. Not only have we treated them dimly, we still do, considering the outcome of last year's referendum. We are even short-sighted enough to foul our oceans, even though 80 % of the oxygen we like to breathe is produced in those oceans - are we really mad enough to continue on that path?

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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

Our carbon market is not working - it is being used to justify unjustifiable and ecologically unsustainable practices. Continued deforestation destroys our ecosystems - we are included in that...