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

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I am writing as a long term resident of NSW and a parent and grandparent to fully support an end to native forest logging. I urge the Government to pursue a future based on sustainable plantations so that we can move away from removing forests which protect our native flora and fauna. We seem to be logging in areas which provide habitat for koalas which are moving towards extinction. Tourists come to see our unique fauna and we need to protect them and look after their particular habitats. It is also cost effective as at the moment logging public native forests is costing the tax payer millions. We are damaging our natural estate and paying lots of money in this destructive act. We need healthy forests for holding carbon, cleaning our water, providing habitat for our unique fauna.

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

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There is enormous value to the community in providing safe environments for our threatened species and also for providing a safe valued cultural space for our indigenous community. My family has always valued trips to National Parks but have become concerned at the way in which they are being logged and degraded.

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

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There is high demand for timber products but they need to be from sustainable plantations and should be cost effective not costing the community millions of dollars.

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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**

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We need our softwood and hardwood plantations to be the source of wood for the building industry not native forests.

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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**

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The State Forests need to be well managed and sustainable and support the continuation of our native species not their demise.

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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**

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We need to take climate change seriously and ensure that we protect our native forests and provide our commercial wood demands through sustainable and well managed plantations.