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

Current NSW Forestry practices are both ecologically and economically unsustainable. Forests provide critical biodiversity values that need protecting, particularly their hollows where a diverse range of wildlife depend upon. As we confront mass wildlife extinction we have responsibility to protect our forests for wildlife.

Healthy river systems depend on healthy forests. Healthy air depends on healthy forests. A healthy climate depends on healthy forests.

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

Forests are critical for the survival of Australia's threatened species. They also have rich Aboriginal cultural heritage values. They need protection not logging.

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

Ecologists, forestry and agriculture scientists should be working together to plan for sustainable forestry that could include other plants such as hemp.

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

Taxpayers are currently subsidising the logging of public native forests because it is uneconomical. There have been serious breaches of the Forestry Corporation in logging koala habitat. Please see Answer 3.

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

State Forests belong to the people of Australia. It is now time to cease logging State Forests and protect them as national parks where environmental values are the priority. The koala will be extinct if logging is not stopped. The 2019-2020 Black Summer Bushfires which led to billions of wildlife burnt requires an end to unsustainable logging of State Forests.

State Forests offer opportunities for Aboriginal Rangers to demonstrate Aboriginal forest management models.

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

Australia faces ecological collapse. This is why we must end logging and protect forests. We face both a biodiversity and climate crisis that requires that we end logging and protect our forests. We depend on forests to keep our water and air clean and keep us cool as temperatures rise.