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

Logging native forest should never be referred to as sustainable. The extinction rate is now 1,000 to 10,000 times above the background extinction rate. Native forests support of our critically threatened species is now, more critical than ever.

Managed plantations, reducing dependence on new wood products and transitioning the logging industry to one restoring critical habitat and carbon sequestration is the only, truly sustainable option.

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

I have mentioned above why we need to end all native logging for its impact on critically endangered species. We also have a responsibility to protect any remaining, intact environment, including forests, for First Nations people to have fighting chance to truly reconnect to their history and culture.

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

There needs to be more support from government to reduce the dependency on new wood products in the building industry. There are new (and old) products and techniques that will not only allow us to begin to live in healthier housing stock but that puts less pressure on our native forests

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

We must end all native forest logging now. The extinction rate in Australia is one of the worst in the world. We are in the top five of all countries. This is absolutely appalling. Protect and conserve all remaining native forests.

# 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

Without First Nations knowledge we have little hope of surviving out the century. Support First Nations knowledge and integrate their practices wherever possible. Insist on those making decisions on how our forest are managed are well versed in this knowledge. We must take any and all action to mitigate environmental collapse.

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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

Answered in ways in questions above. Do this.