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

We have massively over-exploited our native forests over the past two centuries. This forestry continues to be extremely wasteful and heavily publicly subsidised. The forestry authorities and private contractors have been caught time and time again for having a reckless disregard for any principles of sustainability, Let the continue to manage plantations, involving these too should be done as sustainably as possible. So much native forest ecosystems have been effectively destroyed, are long. Therefore it is so essential to preserve what habitats are left, for example, to give endangered species such as koalas a fighting chance.

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

Our forests are worth far more than any dollar value that can be placed on the timber which, if harvested, greatly damages or even destroys forests. However, there is so much research, including from real-world case studies, that proves conservation and tourism provide far more economic than just ripping the trees out, leaving most of them to rot.

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 has done an appalling job, seemingly worsening and far removed from the spirit of the century-old Act that established them. Our forests are meant to be sustainably managed in the public interest. For decades though, they have been treated as virtually only there for timber extraction, only in the interests of private corporations. The State Forests management record is a disgrace.

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

Stop logging our native forests! With ever-worsening climate change, chopping into them only increases fire risk. With so many forests gone forever, whatever we have left is so valuable, including for storing so much carbon. Chopping down all these old trees and just leaving at least have the trees on site to just rot helps worsen climate change.