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

It is not 'sustainable' to subsidise the forestry industry to destroy the habitat of threatened and endangered species such as the koala, greater glider and spotted quoll.

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

Forests are far more valuable as intact ecosystems enabling our native species to thrive as well as acting as carbon sinks. All logging should cease in areas of koala habitat eg within boundaries of the proposed Great National Koala Park as well as other areas of critical habitat for greater gliders and other endangered species, for example Bulga State Forest.

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

No timber should come from native forests, only from plantations. Rich, diverse forest should not be replaced by plantations - these should be grown on cleared land.

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

Native forests are far more valuable for their biodiversity and carbon sink benefits than for logging, which degrades their biodiversity and also makes forests more prone to bushfire. Forests are tourism drawcards but only when intact.