

# A closer look at rainforests



Use Primefact 492 'A closer look at rainforests' to answer the questions below. Questions marked with \* require a personal response or further research.

**Q1** *Why are rainforests considered a rare forest type in Australia?*

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**Q2** *Describe the four main types of rainforest in Australia.*

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**Q3** *Describe the distribution of rainforest types in Australia. \**

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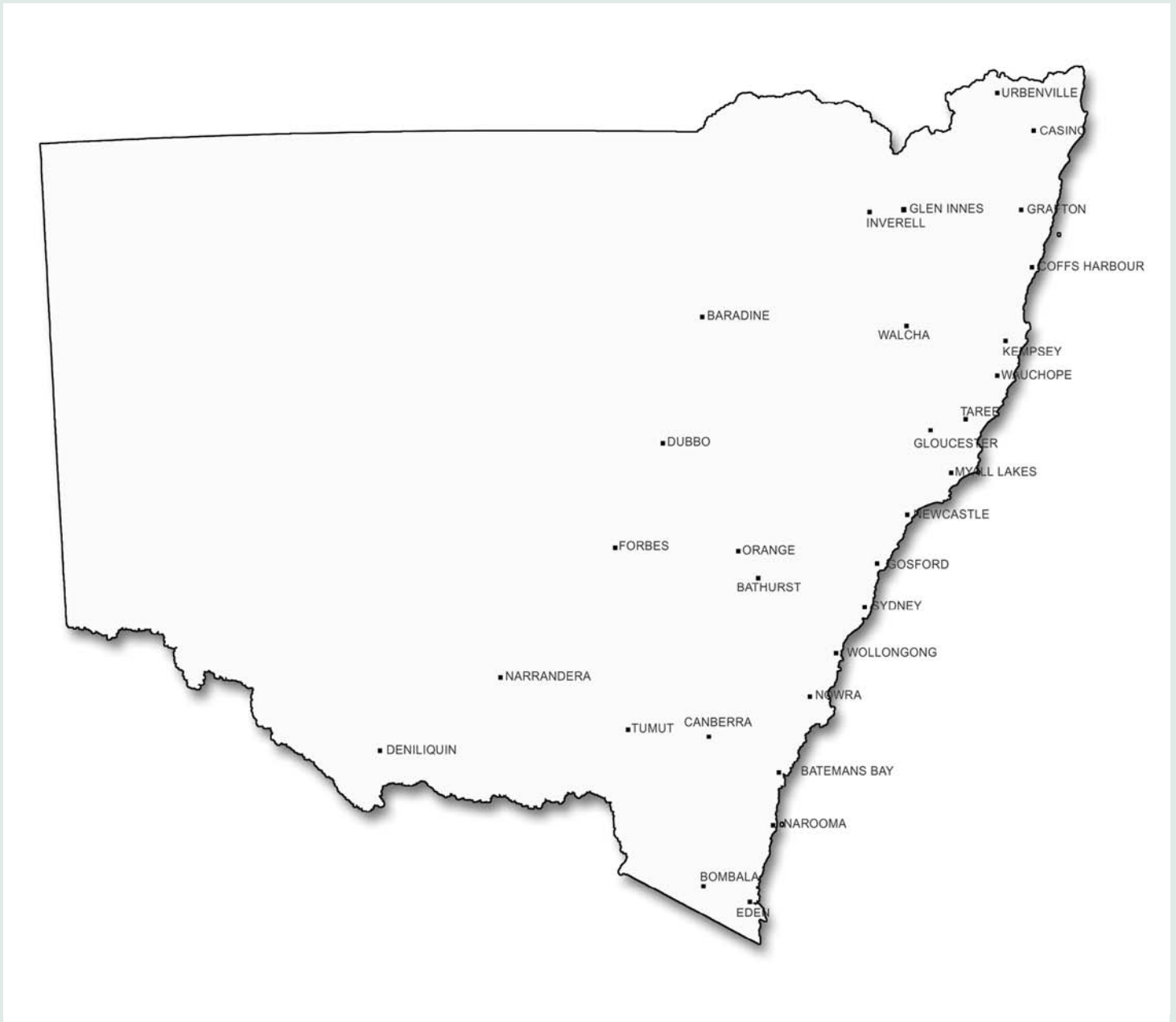
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**Q4** *Map the four main areas where rainforest occurs in NSW. \**



**Q5** *Why are rainforest areas expanding in some locations and why have they been reduced in other locations?*

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**Q6** Choose one group of plants that grow in a rainforest and explain how they have adapted to grow there.

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**Q7** Compare the rainforest and sclerophyll forest profile diagrams. Outline some differences between:

**(a) A subtropical and warm temperate rainforest**

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**(b) A wet and dry sclerophyll forest**

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**Q8** Rainforests always occur in good soil. True or False? Explain.

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**Q9** *How does fire affect rainforests?*

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**Q10** *What products can rainforest trees and plants provide?*

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**Q11** *Why are rainforests described as biologically diverse?*

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**Q12** *In NSW, rainforest growing in State forests is preserved and logging not permitted. True or False?*

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**Q13** *Why are large tracts of rainforest still being cleared in other parts of the world?*

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**Q14** *Find out the difference between: \**

*(a) deforestation and forestry*

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*(b) clear felling and selective logging*

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*Write a definition for each term.*

**Q15** *How are rainforests preserved in NSW?*

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**Q16** *Complete one or more of the POINTS TO PONDER from the fact sheet.*