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**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE FORESTRY
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018**

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I am a VOLUNTEER wildlife carer on the North Coast of NSW. ALL wildlife carers are volunteers. We give up our time and money to save wildlife that have been orphaned or injured, in the vast majority of cases by human activity. In our case, we do this FULL TIME (day and night, around the clock) and have given up our income, our social and family time, and any recreation pursuits we have because there is a desperate shortage of people able and willing to deal with the thousands of animals that are being pushed out of their natural habitats and facing certain death. We have planted thousands of trees in an attempt to reconnect some small patches of habitat that isolate populations of animals and to increase habitat for those still in our area. We have done this almost entirely through our own commitment, energy and expense. I am absolutely appalled at this legislation. It undermines all that we have done and are doing. To know that all our hard work is negated by you allowing others to log and profit by destroying habitat elsewhere is sickening. It will be wildlife carers like us that pick up the small bodies, pay the huge expense in time and money to raise orphans. It is us that have to euthanise the horrifically injured animals hit on roads... We receive NO support from governments for this. Your actions are unconscionable and corrupt and show no regard for the environment or the future of our country. They evidence complete lack of passion and regard for beings other than yourselves. Have you no shame?