

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY AND
FUTURE OF THE TIMBER AND FOREST PRODUCTS
INDUSTRY**

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I would like to see the forest industry continue on as it is with further improvements to management as follows.

- 1.Improvement in fire prevention and control - every opportunity should be taken for more cool burns in the winter and not allowing fires to continue burning uncontrolled (as happened in my area recently)
2. After harvesting, replanting with trees indigenous to the area harvested.
3. Trash not open burned or left to rot on site but turned into biochar as this locks away carbon for sequestration (can condition and fertilise the soil for hundreds of years as per the natives of the Amazon did).
4. Locking forests up and letting trees grow to maturity only allows them to fall and rot/ compost down to release carbon into the air after the forest reaches mature equilibrium. This idea of selling carbon credits by locking up forests is a false and futile effort in the name of some short term profits (for who? IDK). These locked up forests down on the south coast which weren't allowed to be protected by back burns conducted by RFS volunteers or forestry burnt hot and catastrophically in the recent infernos.
5. We need not only profitable trees in the forest but also as complete a diversity as possible. Diversity in all different plant species I think will not only protect the forests more but are essential for the whole ecosystem (animals, fungi, soil flora and fauna, flowering plants, insects etc.) not only for the forests but the whole planet.
6. Let's rebuild our forests and profitably increase them. Find smarter ways to slow the flow of rain water to the ocean as retention will increase rainfall by greater humidity in the atmosphere. Let's face it this is the driest nation on earth and increased profitable forestry can help reduce climate change or at least help slow it down.

I hope this submission is helpful as I don't want to seem too critical of the past. We must look forward to a better future and try to increase the happiness of all Australians.

Yours sincerely
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