

**Submission
No 8**

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

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Dear Parliament of New South Wales,

Please consider the value of Native Forests with regard to the burgeoning re-evaluation of ecosystem resources into our economic framework. Whilst the traditional view of our economic evaluation process has been to remove trees (and by extension forests) for the argument that the value of the land when converted into livestock production and/or agricultural crop production is greater than that of preserving the Native Forests is no longer a viable and sustainable economic viewpoint. We now have a situation whereby a minority of individuals that seek to gain profit from this archaic viewpoint stand on the only argument which they have, that is to say, it is their tradition and now cultural right to continue agriculture practices that degrade our Native Forests. To this end, Logging, by the means of felling trees that reside in or adjacent to Native Forests must cease forthwith in NSW effective immediately. A moratorium on Logging of Native Forests must be put into place.

Kind Regards,