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

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Confidential

Dear Parliamentarians,

I am putting forward this submission for you to consider the further implications of logging our native forests. I have lived off-grid in the forests near Dungog adjacent to a State Forest that has been logged for nearly 2 centuries. I have first hand account of witnessing our forestry practices

From my observations, the logging process is not concerned for the ecological well-being of the forest. Bulldozers clearfell, extract the timber and then allow erosion to destroy the topsoil and any remaining undergrowth. No awareness is made for habitat of animal species. There is now no excuse for poor forest management and I implore you to stop native forest logging - on behalf of all those animal species who have no voice and on behalf of our future generations. We need to learn from our history - the red cedar tree is virtually extinct in its natural habitat in our forests - all from logging from the early 18th century. Native animal species are also on the brink of extinction.

We now have no excuse when making decisions to protect our remaining forests. We need to have a plan for managed timber that doesn't involve logging our State Forests.

Be smart, be forward thinking, be kind,  
Thankyou