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

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Thank you for the opportunity to consider my submission.

I am hugely concerned at the practice of logging our native forests, especially after the horrific fires in 2019/20, which burnt up to 80% of state forests across NSW. Now it is well past time to make the transition out of native forest logging, into preserving these areas as recreational and ecological reserves.

There is ample land available that is already degraded that could be used for plantations and a private forestry sector.

Jobs that may be lost through the cessation of this industry could be transitioned into planting and rehabilitation of our native forests; conservation of wildlife; construction of wildlife crossings over highways and major roads with fencing and shiny deterrents for animals away from traffic; and research projects to help us better understand our native species.

Forestry Corporation and its contractors often breach the rules and regulations and can be very destructive in areas even outside their control. After the massive impact of the 2019/20 fires we cannot have any further ecological damage that inevitably occurs due to logging native forests.

Native forestry operations no longer enjoy the support of the community in general. There needs to be fresh alternatives for the management of our public forests, which are great carbon stores and will help us globally in our fight against climate change and the biodiversity of our native species.