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

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I live on the NSW South Coast and was impacted by the horrific fires which resulted in the loss of 80 % of forest in the the Shoalhaven. I have driven round NSW and see the destruction which ranges down the far south coast and across to the west to the snowy mountains I understand the need to protect jobs in the logging industry but I believe it is much more important to understand and protect our unique forests for the sake of future generations and tourism

I have seen bushfires in Sydney and lived in bushfire impacted regions for over fifty years . I believe the recent fires were much more destructive than earlier fires and my observation around Manyana where I curently reside is that the forest is not recovering and we need to study the imact and develop strategies for long term sustainability.

We need to ensure we have a long term strategy not a short term logging inititive Funding of the impact and long tern sustainability will bear dividends for the future. Stop the logging for the short term until we understand the impact