

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

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To the council.

The time has come to rethink our connection to forests and the timber industry. As a state, nation and planet we no longer have the luxury to mindlessly destroy and use up nature as a resource. The forests of NSW need to be left in their entirety for future generations to enjoy and utilise. We can no longer steel and destroy the habitats of our native animals. We have lost thousands of hectares of forest due to bushfires and forests need time to rejuvenate and strengthen, they do not need more burden put on them by an industry that has lost its viability. I propose all logging in all forests in NSW cease immediately.

If we are going to continue to use timber it needs to come from well planned and managed farms. We have a chance to move our state and country towards greater uses of our priceless natural resources. The economic benefits of having a natural wilderness for everyone to enjoy far outweighs the quick profiteering of an outdated logging practice. We can do better and must do better for the generations to come. We must preserve the natural environment and stop logging now.

Yours sincerely
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