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

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I spend most of my time on our property which, due to our love of and connection to the natural environment, we purchased with the intention of preserving as a sanctuary for wildlife, ourselves, our children and grandchildren.

Over the last fifteen years we have witnessed the ruthless fashion in which contractors have cleared the forest in the area between Brooman and Clyde Ridge Rd, Morton.

Also, I have almost been collected by huge logging trucks using our narrow dirt roads (Woodburn in particular).

The fire that went through our place early in December 2019 was a cooler fire and luckily, pockets of temperate rainforest were left unburnt providing much needed respite for wildlife fleeing from the hotter fires that came in the new year. We spent every day putting out water and food for wildlife. We were all traumatised and were so relieved once the rains came, to see the brilliant green fronds unfurling from black trunks and life springing from the earth.

I support the method of small, cool burns to be done at intervals throughout the year, rather than burning huge areas all at once, which as we saw last year can be devastating.

It is madness to log native forests, better to establish plantations for timber. I moved to this area from the north coast in the 70's because of its unspoilt forests. I am now approaching 70 years old and it breaks my heart that we as a people are still doing this, that is destroying the very thing that sustains us and all things living on this earth.

National Parks, RFS and private landholders need to work together using indigenous burning methods to protect old growth, flora and fauna.