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

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Please end native forest logging, if not all logging until further notice.

I have lived in rural Australia all my life and have seen the destruction of our forests happening during this time.

However the past 10 years the logging and damage to our ecosystems appears to have escalated. With Forestry Corp, urban development and farming practices ie the clearing of fire breaks to 25 meters around properties the forest has taken more hits in some places than it can sustain.

As I drive to work along the Mid North Coast I see up to 3 logging trucks daily leaving the bush. It is mostly state forest I know. But with the seriousness of the bush fires of 2019-20, I can see a real need to leave what we have, state and native forests untouched.

Our flora in this area took a massive hit in those fires and then the floods in early 2021. I have seen no possums, no wallabies, no echidna, no dingoes, no quoll and even our water dragons are only in very small numbers.

The insect population was devastated and the birds of this area are still fewer in number than they were pre 2019.

This practice of continuing to harvest our native forests is not sustainable. There was not time for the ecosystem to repair or recover from the devastation.

When the forests are gone. What will you do? What will you cut down?

Please stop all logging until further notice.