

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

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To whom it may concern.

My growing concerns over the management of our native forests has prompted me to make a submission.

Our native forests are our most valuable asset. In these time of global warming, trees are the only buffer we have.

It is important that our leaders and decision makers realise this.

Over the years I have witnessed reckless behaviour from the forestry commission, practices that harm the environment and disrupt the lives of fauna must be stopped.

Maps of Australia that show our forests in colours of green are diminishing rapidly, this will have terrible consequences for a our children and their future.

The logging industry is not viable, supporting a few jobs at the detriment of many is irrational.

Continuing to use land clearing practices to our detriment has to stop.

Logging companies have had free reign over our forests for too long, and like mining and other unsustainable practices they have to stop.

The forests of our country must be valued and supported as valuable ecosystems and necessary to our future.

Sincerely

Sarah Doherty