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As a male aged 52 years and being involved in the NSW timber industry since the age of 12 I am greatly disappointed by the direction the government has taken with our public forests.

When I started in the industry the Forestry Commission was focused on the best outcome for the forest .

Unfortunately now the Forest Corporation focus appears to be satisfying the green eco terrorists who constantly badger over minor infractions to harvesting plans.

The vast majority of rules put into place are only there to pacify the green movement and have no real positive environmental impacts, and vastly increase planning and harvesting costs.

In my early time in the industry the only guidelines were to stay within the boundaries.

Those areas today have had negligible environmental degradation, a full array of animal are now being encountered in those areas logged in the 1970's and 1980's when wildlife surveys are undertaken for logging to happen in the next harvesting cycle coming due now.

I personally still go back and look at areas I worked in my career to see the progress of the forest post harvest and no where I worked am I not proud of the outcome of time.

These forests are sustainable and the values have not been lost. The forests have been altered but the is to be expected in a working forest. That is why there is a extensive National Park Reserve system in place to maintain the forest environment in a largely un altered state.

People forget, if you want to have a pristine forest environment as in National Parks then there must be a off set of a working forest to provide needed timber products and employment to the public.

I personally now will not work at a Forestry Corporation organised operation due to the plethora of rules that have no positive outcome to the health of the forest or safety of working crews . The vast majority of impediments imposed on harvesting crews are only there to justify positions of over educated, clueless seat warmers within Forestry Corporation.

A return to forestry principles of the 1980's to 90 would greatly reduce costs and achieve better results for our NSW forests