

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

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I live on a small property which shares a boundary with Mogo State Forest. I was already utterly heartbroken by the state in which it was left after logging. When it burnt in Black Summer it became strikingly obvious how the logging (and the massive piles of fuel left behind) has destroyed any chance of the forest recovering in any healthy way. I took many photos of Mogo Forest from Dog Trap Road on 20th December 2019, that was 11 days before it burnt. I then went back once the road was safe enough, on February 6th 2020, 37 days after the fire. I have attached a couple of photos but I have many.

I wish I had taken photos of the difference between the logged area and the unlogged area just adjacent. The difference was marked. The mature trees had come through the flames a lot more convincingly than the spindly specimens left by the loggers. These poor young trees had logging waste piled up beneath them and must have burned incredibly hot.

The first two photos were taken from the same place, a couple of months apart. I hope you can understand my utter dismay. I remember this forest when I was a child. It's barely recognisable anymore.





