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

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Last year on the 13th of December, Ourimbah Creek Rd resident Emma, who holds a Conservation Agreement with the State Biodiversity Conservation Trust, snapshot photos of koalas on her property.

Ourimbah Creek Rd backs onto Ourimbah State Forest and it is now evidenced to be koala habitat.

According to NewScientist.com

"[Koalas] need a range of at least 100 hectares of bushland, with 40 to 60 per cent of it covered in eucalyptus forest, according to extensive surveys in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria over the past three years."

Koalas are listed as Vulnerable by the Federal Governments EPBC act and must be protected and conserved by all measures possible.

Harvesting timber to a dwindling market means life or death for this iconic species.

See: "China suspended imports of all timber logs late last year amid escalating trade tensions". (ABC News, April 23rd 2021)

There are alternatives we can look into as a nation that do not railroad our precious animal and plant species into extinction. (Is it really worth it?)

Practices such as agroforestry are what Camp Ourimbah are calling for as an immediate change from native forest logging.

We don't have much time left to protect what species we still have. Get behind the cause today to protect our recreational and biodiversity hot spots.

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