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

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I am a person who travels through NSW Forestry logging catchments daily. I have endured the fires of 2020 and put part of the blame on forestry. For many years, I watched as NSW Forestry clear felled areas which then grew casuarinas. These trees are highly inflammable but were left for many years and eventually the fire went through there with increased ferocity.

Forestry leave nothing behind in the way of large trees. Per acre there may be two or three spindly trees, no more than 20 to 30 cms diameter. After they have put their trucks and machinery on the land there is nothing that will survive. They already have destroyed the homes of many hundreds of bird species and mammals. Reptiles and Amphibians have no chance. It would be better to sell this land off as private land as at least the inhabitants will plant a few shrubs.

NSW Forestry say that they do not use Poison.....well they do and at this present moment in Pericoe (April 2021) there are signs saying that they are using aerial glyphosate. They are spraying this by helicopter. One day the regrowth is green and the next day is brown as far as the eye can see. They have killed all the native grass while doing this and also any small living creature, spiders, lizards etc. They are also spraying a Pesticide and have rabbit bails out. There are NO rabbits anyway. I am worried about my own health as well as the environment.

It seems to me that NSW Forestry are running out of wood due to their inability to plan. Now together with The Bega Valley Shire council they are cutting down very large trees that are solid through and selling this off as either whole or wood chip.

A through investigation should be had, but better still the whole organisation should change or close down. They are desperate because they have not operated properly ever.

I heard a spokesperson say on our local ABC radio program that they did not use poison. I have seen barrels of it in the pine forest. I will swear on this.

I invite you to come down to the South East of New South Wales, west of Eden or south of Eden and see for yourself.