

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

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Since the horrific bushfires in 2019/20, which burnt between 60 and 80% of state forests across NSW and decimated native species and our unique wildlife, now is the time to make the transition out of native forest logging.

I frequently go into our local native forests with like minded people to search for koala scats to ascertain how our precious koalas have fared through these shocking times, and it has been devastating to see the destruction caused by these horrendous fires, and logging.

I have also noted how forestry workers have been so careless in protecting trees NOT designated for removal. It would appear that once inside the forest with nobody to supervise the work, it's open slather, and any trees in the way are cut down regardless. This must stop, this is a crime against our fragile environment and the hardwood timber industry must transition out of public native forests and move towards plantations and to a well managed forestry sector. Our native forests into the future should be seen as ecological and recreational reserves for public use, not for logging.