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

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to whom this may concern,

I am deeply concerned about the impact our logging practices has had on our native forrests. We have outstripped supply, and the affect of the 19/20 bushfire season has turned a bad situation into a horrendous one.

We absolutely **MUST** ensure that we manage our forrests in a sustainable way. This needs to be the most important thing. That is the only legacy that we can actually be proud of.

Indigenous Australians managed Country sustainably for thousands of years, they, fortunately, still have the knowledge of cultural burning practices. If we could eat some humble pie and ask our Indigenous Peoples to manage our forrests again, we would be on a path to ensure our forrests regain their health.

Without healthy forrests we can't have any sustainable industries that utilise our forrests.

We must also listen to science- how do we protect threatened ecosystems, flora and fauna?

Our forrests are one of our main carbon sinks, and the home of our amazingly diverse native plants and animals. They are our truly valuable assets, that we must protect, for their own intrinsic value, and for future generations to appreciate as well.

We have to live in balance with the natural systems that make our life possible. Simple first principle. From there we can then look at how we can meet other needs, such as using natural resources and having economic prosperity.