

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

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I am concerned about the recent and ongoing logging that has been happening around my local area, the fires have devastated our wildlife populations and they are taking a long time to bounce back. Its been difficult seeing large areas of land logged for residential development as well as our national parks, places that should be sanctuaries for ourselves and our wildlife. My main concern is how far this will all carry on before our government says enough is enough, it is clear that money has given our economy precedence over our ecology and I feel that with something as powerful as money we need to be aware of the fact it has no feelings and is capable of making people do horrible things, this is where I feel our government should have a good look at its own actions and make some actual changes before its too late. We need a government that will stand up for our land and protect sacred sites not one who makes deals behind closed doors with companies like Rio Tinto who have destroyed heritage sites with little more then a fine. Companies that act against the interest of the land should not have any business here. I know it might sound like I am living in a dream land but I would rather live there then in a waste land and if we continue with the way things are it wont be long until that is a reality.