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

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"Our human quest to understand our relationship to nature has gone through many historical, cultural and psychological transformations over the last few hundred years. We have gone from believing Nature to be a horrifying tyrant to whom we must sacrifice our children - to a terrible temptress against whom we must wage constant war - or to the current view (perhaps most heinous of all) in which Nature is nothing more than inert matter available for our unconscionable plundering.

Over the centuries one thing is consistent - we have maintained a victim/perpetrator relationship with Nature, a relationship based on fear.

Fear of Nature has become the plague of our modern society. We live indoors in a virtual world of illusory control.

Our loss of direct connect with Nature has led to a whole host of illnesses from physical to psychological to spiritual.

Clearly we need Nature and can not live without Her.

This is the moment in which we must grow up our relationship with Nature to one of mutual intelligent respect, intimate personal connection, integrity, and life-sustaining collaboration. Our very survival depends on it!

From Elizabeth Jenkins book "the Fourth Level.

OUR FORESTS, not your forests to 'manage' primarily on economic terms, PRODUCE THE OXYGEN THAT WE BREATHE; ATTRACT RAIN . . WATER THAT LEFT TO IT'S NATURAL HEALING STATE, CLEANSSES EVERYTHING and that WE DRINK; PROVIDES HABITAT FOR OTHER CREATURES AND BEINGS that it is our personal responsibility as MEN & WOMEN of the SOIL to care for.

How many years does it take a tree to grow into full maturity?

How many years does it take for an entire ecosystem to establish itself?

THIS MUST BE HONOURED: the value of one tree, the value of an ecosystem is PRICELESS and must be honoured as such.

Anyone wanting any timber from our Native forests or wilderness areas, seriously NEEDS "PAY THROUGH THE NOSE" FOR IT. This is the only way i can perceive that it might be possible to honour all agendas here: to price our most valued treasure out of the market arena. We are deadly serious about OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HONOUR and PROTECT our forests from the needless destruction that is occurring. It is seriously time to evolve beyond small minded, short term, self interested CORPORATE agendas.

Thank you