

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

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Dear Committee Members

I am a citizen of NSW who is extremely concerned about the future of our iconic native animal the koala bear. Recently I have been reading reports that the New South Wales Forestry Corporation owned by the New South Wales government are to commence logging of the beautiful Pine Creek native forest home to the largest coastal koala colony in NSW. This forest is also home to powerful owls, spotted tailed quolls ,greater gliders .

The devastating bushfires of 2019 - 2020 saw 60 to 80% of state forests burnt. Where will our animals live if Those who should be the guardians of these animals homes , destroy them? Now is the time to make the transition out of native forest logging .

We must transition the hardwood timber industry out of public native forests and towards plantations and a well managed boutique forestry sector.

Logging of native forests must stop. Our governments must act responsibly to protect our iconic wildlife before species are made extinct.

Let us also hope the New South Wales government will see the sense in developing The Great Koala National Park of which Pine Creek is the heart. Our animals have suffered enough, let us give them a home to call their own.

Thankyou .

Yours Sincerely

Jane Costigan.