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

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I am an active member of the Macleay valley Landcare group and the South West Rocks Dune care. I also volunteer at the Arakoon Nursery. I am involved in propagating and planting native species. it takes a long time from a native seed to grow into a large tree. I feel heartbroken when forests are being destroyed and I know how long it will take for replacement trees and the underlying eco system to regenerate.

I cannot comprehend why, the large trees are being destroyed when our environment is in such peril. I witnessed the destruction of fire and flood in one year in my area.

I also witnessed trees being logged and native habitat destroyed.

Why are we not planning for our generations to come?

I am also very concerned about the massive destruction of native forest for development and the poor offset scheme to find like for like. In my area, there is no other area to offset the particular vegetation that has been destroyed. so, where do the insects, animas and birds go? The great koala national park is the answer to at least save some of our natural world.