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

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Hi there, I wish to lodge a submission calling for the immediate cessation of all native forest harvesting in NSW. Forest Corp have become a rogue operation with little to no regard for the environmental safeguards under which they operate on behalf of the people of NSW. They have demonstrated a complete and utter disregard for the principals of ecological sustainability, threatened species protection, catchment management and long term forest health. Their mismanagement of our native forests has been so egregious and brazen in recent years that they no longer, if they ever did, enjoy the confidence and trust of the public. The economic value of ecological services provided by unmolested native forests to the community, through carbon sequestration and storage, erosion control, maintaining environmental stream flows, regional eco-tourism, etc far outweighs the short term financial revenue gained from unsustainably logging them. In fact, given that Forest Corp cost the taxpayer to destroy our forests we would SAVE money by reallocating their budget and land tenure to the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

I call on this government to end all native forest logging on public land effective immediately and ensure the fair and compassionate transfer or retraining of all jobs from Forest Corp into other agencies and sustainable forest-use enterprises.

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