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

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I have lived close to Bongil Bongil NP for 25 years. We used to see and hear koalas regularly. Now we never see them any more.

My husband who is a dedicated bird watcher does not see the variety of species any more. We know that 19 eco systems are on the brink of environmental collapse. We are losing species at an alarming rate. We read that after Indonesia Australia is the second largest land clearing nation in the

world. We know that climate change will result in more frequent and more devastating unstoppable fires, that will kill millions more native animals. We know we must take care of the earth as she is our mother, land, air and water are sacred. We must listen to the traditional owners of this continent who managed the continent for biodiversity We must stop cutting down our native forests. The proposed Great Koala Park is a worthy proposal, creating jobs and maybe saving the koala from extinction