

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

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I live on the Bulga Plateau NW of Taree and am also the Secretary of the local RFS Brigade. This submission is not on their behalf. I took some Queenslanders out to the picnic area of Dingo Tops. We were appalled by the clear felling of our forests either side of the Knoddingbull Road near the Padmans Road. I could not estimate the size but was massive. As well, the 'rubbish' was left which will become fuel if another fire occurred. It was due to Forestry mismanagement that the huge fires that impacted in 2019/20 from one of their dumps down to Caparra, across to Bobin and up our mountain road, threatening our lives and homes and here we are again, trying to recover and witnessing destruction on a grand scale. How is this possible? We have lost so much in forest diversity, endangered species and have to now tolerate clear felling, opening the forest to dry and several logging trucks driving through our village with no regard to speed or endangerment. Worse, the road off the mountain, damaged by fires and finally collapsing due to the flood conditions, barely repaired with a weight limit of 4 tons, is now being used by loaded logging trucks with no regard to this weight limit, witnessed at 5.30 one morning. We feel attacked on so many levels. They need to stop logging, they are out of date, are not financially effective even for themselves and they are destroying the forests that are left. Makes no sense. Please see clearly and act on behalf of Nature, including humans.