

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

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My name is Angus Murphy and I own Moruya Bicycles. We sell mountain bikes, E-Bikes and cycling equipment. We also run a workshop for bike repairs and servicing.

I employ 8 local people.

I think there is a big opportunity to increase and formalise the use of state forests for recreation, such as mountain biking, rather than logging for timber.

As a mountain biker, it is much nicer to ride through standing native forests, rather than harvested areas. I think many other mountain bikers would feel the same.

Stopping native logging in our local state forests would make this area an even more attractive tourism destination.

More tourists, especially mountain bikers, would be great for my business, as well as the many other small businesses, such as food and hospitality.

I think there is a huge opportunity to make our area a world-class mountain biking tourism destination. That's why I support the Mogo Adventure Trails Hub proposal being progressed by the Eurobodalla Shire Council.

A master plan has been adopted for the Mogo Adventure Trails Hub. It identifies a 155km trail network, comprising about 125km of new trail and formalisation of the 30km of existing mountain bike trails in Mogo State Forest and Deep Creek Dam.

The trails network has the potential to attract 45,000 visitors to Eurobodalla in its first year of operation, resulting in an estimated \$11.8 million injection to the local economy. See here for more information: <https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/council/major-projects/current-projects/infrastructure-and-planning/mogo-adventure-trail-hub-strategy>