

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

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To Whom It May Concern.

I am deeply concerned about the devastating impacts of native forest logging. I am concerned that unsustainable logging increases the fire risk, reduces carbon storage, damages water resources, seriously harms biodiversity and undermines eco-tourism. When I see logging trucks driving up the Bruxner Highway, I have a deep urge to throw myself in front of them. Public native forest logging needs to end with an immediate expansion of the plantation timber industry if we are to survive the climate catastrophe.

The plantation industry in NSW employs 11,600 people - only 800 are employed in native forestry. State forests need to be saved to store carbon, be a safe environment for native creatures to flourish, and an opportunity for development as tourist attractions.