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

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The importance of native forest logging for local economies and jobs is often inflated. The truth is that logging native forest provides relatively few jobs and costs taxpayers of NSW. Logging, especially after the Black Summer bushfires, is sending threatened species towards extinction and making climate change worse.

Inquiries like this can be powerful in elevating an issue, generating media coverage and shifting public discourse. We must take the opportunity to put the shameful ecological impacts of public native forest logging front and centre of this inquiry.

It is past time we ended native forest logging and moved to a 100% plantation-based timber industry. Our native forests are worth more standing.