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

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Portfolio Committee no 4; Inquiry into the long term sustainability and future of the timber and forest products industry....Nature and relationship...Exporters hold overall control of the supply chain .At the expense of domestic manufacturing and retailers.Mega offshore Corporations /Countries ,ie ;Taiwan can exert pressure ,per, Long term contract supply agreements ,arrangements brokered and entered into with Forest Corp .N.S.W. /N.S.W. State L.N.P. Government.That the perspective is a landed, delivered end product as timber(a non living,mid section of a once living tree,,less canopy and base /root system},environmental compliance,onus of responsibility must lie with Forest Corp .N.S.W. and N.S.W. State Government. Existential and commercial bias in honouring Contracts of supply, Regional Forest managers ,employed(by N.S.W.State Government ultimately) to direct/select/,appoint contractors,etc and control,the operational management of Forest Corp N.S.W. Coupes and areas ,are not be best placed to compliance or oversee environmental matters ,nor are those appointed forest logging contractors ,Given their remit is removal of trees /timber from a given area with machinery and possibly 4 employees to operate that machinery. Thus compliance appears to fall solely to another N.S.W. State Government Agency /Authority ...the E.P.A.(which may pursue worst case scenario environmental /bio diversity loss resulting in ecocide ultimately ,yet disincentives and fines are minimal,which creates a hit and run mentality of operators in that the sanctions and fines are a mere drop in the bucket comparitive to the continued profits gained.) It appears there is no independent, overseeing,compliance,,non government Body /Agency...or non conflicted interest..All facets of Forest Corp.N.S.W. an entity of N.S.W. State Government...which also creates the Legislation ,,regulations,rules and Inquiries relative to Forest Corp NSW. .. Impacts of External influences....The world in total is now experiencing empirically and scientifically proven The Anthropocene Epoch and has from the mid1960s.The human capacity to affect detrimentally ,any remaining naturally functioning systems at all trophic levels ,including sub-terrestrial locally and globally is proven they are inseparable and interwoven (if the butterfly is sneezing in the Amazon ,the world has pneumonia ,)Thus human predictions and assumptions of a future 30years are speculation in the extreme...smoke ,mirrors and ouija boards might well be employed as an equally effective means of making such predictions .the science states a worldwide 6x extinction event is in play ,affecting all(remaining)naturally functioning systems, all are under stress and threat,from current and cumulative human actions ,activities, and their use of fossil fuelled machinery..No data information empirical and scientific exists that can support a continuance of a timber industry.based in the logging of native trees of any description ,in any place,,in the face of the above stated facts.No part .piece of Australia ,particularly the State of NSW....has any immunity to the above....The only logical rational ,socially ethically morally responsible to current and future generations is a course of action which entails the immediate ,total cessation of the logging ,timber forest products industry ,diversion of financial support for retraining of those employed in what is no longer tenable to the Plastics and recycling of same industry and technology, Other external influence....appears to be political expedienceie N.S.W.(coalition }State Premier...statement ...Dec 2020 ,when questioned on continued logging in holocaust affected decimated to ecocidal proportions ,extinctified of bio-diversity, state forest coups...Why a Force Majeure ,was not declared...?".... We must continue to log NSW Forests to honour supply contracts to Taiwan.Both the NSW Premier and Deputy Premier obfuscated ,dropping the Koala protection Bill...post holocaust devastated populations. of Koala....Through various machinations,during 2020/2021, Federally and at State level ...Coalition Government have provided through grants ,subsidies ,emergency relief ,regional communities grants , financing to upgrade ,recomission ,and start from scratch up to 10 new timber sawmill operations in new locations distributed through out the state of N.S.W. the eastern division holding the majority.....Thankyou for accepting my submission.