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

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We must ensure the future of our public forests as ecological and recreational reserves and to transition the hardwood timber industry out of public native forests and towards plantations and a well-managed and boutique private forestry sector.

Especially after the horrific fires in 2019/20, which burnt between 60 and 80% state forests across NSW, now is the time to make the transition out of native forest logging. As a resident of Terania Creek, I helped to fight the fires of 2019 and recognise the impact on the native animal population that is still recovering. We must protect the little that remains of our precious native forests for its unique biodiversity and habitat of native animals