

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

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Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this discussion. I will be brief.

I am a 78 year old grandmother living in Nambucca and I want the forests in this area to be there and intact when my children and grandchildren want to walk and explore them in the years to come.

I have always been involved in protecting the environment and belong to NPWS, Landcare, Nambucca Conservation Association, Forest Ecology Alliance and have created and maintain 10 gardens in Nambucca Heads.

I started writing to Anshul Chaudhary as a way of expressing my exasperation about the apparent lack of interest by Forest Corporation to respond to the numerous scientific reports asking for native forests to be preserved. I support these reports and would be enchanted if our local forests were preserved to both boost the local economy and biodiversity.

Why do the decision makers in Forest Corporation take no notice of the impact of climate change on the environment and the importance of preserving biodiversity?

The responses I have had from their media advisor do not explain why Forest Corporation continues logging. Other well researched reports sent to Forest Corporation have not had so much as an acknowledgement never mind a considered response. So apparently I was lucky to get a reply! I have asked to meet with decision makers in the forest to discuss my concerns but so far only offered a meeting in the Coffs Harbour office.

Taxpayers subsidize Forest Corp and I for one object strongly to our monies been used to destroy our native forests . So much scientific information has been compiled about the value of preserving our native forest that I can only add. My small voice to those clamoring to be heard. I sincerely hope that your committee can influence Forest Corporation to become a leader in environmental protection and stop logging our native forests.

Lil Ganly