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

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Dear Committee,

Please see below my submission into the Inquiry into Long term sustainability and future of the timber and forest products industry.

I am writing as a NSW resident, voter and bird lover who is deeply concerned about the decline and extinction of the Swift Parrot and its Spotted Gum forests of the New South Wales south coast.

THE SWIFT PARROT DECLINE IS AN INDICATION THAT CLEARING OF FORESTS HAS REACHED A POINT WHERE BIRDS, ANIMALS INSECTS AND PLANTS UNIQUE TO AUSTRALIA HAVE NOT ENOUGH HABITAT TO SURVIVE!

THEY ARE AN INDICATION THAT OUR ECOSYSTEM IS BREAKING DOWN.

LOGGING MUST STOP

PLANTING MUST BEGIN

Climate change is happening because of our loss of forests and trees.

You have the power to implement changes to support and protect.

A legacy for the future of Australia, for your grandchildren and ours.

The majority of Swift Parrot foraging sites in NSW occur outside of conservation reserves, including within state forests managed by the Forestry Corporation of NSW and open for logging under the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Agreement (CIFOA).

Unless decisive action is taken to protect the remaining forest habitat across their range and improve and fund management actions, Swift Parrots could be extinct within the next two decades.

PROTECT OUR FORESTS.

PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FUTURE OF AUSTRALIA, WILL YOU CONTINUE THE DESTRUCTION OR WILL YOU PLANT AND PROTECT?

More and more Australians are becoming educated on the environment, it is becoming political.

Make the right choices and have our support.

Recommendation(s):

- Immediately and permanently suspend all current and planned forestry operations within fire impacted Swift Parrot foraging habitat.
- Amend the CIOFA to exclude all known and potential Swift Parrot foraging habitat.
- Amend the CIFOA to address the effects of climate change, including increased bush fires and droughts.
- Conserve remaining intact native forests and facilitate the expansion and connectivity of old growth native forests.

Yours sincerely,

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