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To the Independent Forestry Panel,

I reside in NSW and I fully support the immediate end to native forest logging. I work in the rehabilitation of forests and I can confirm the importance of intact ecosystems.

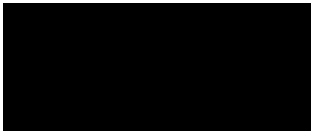
I and many around me are aware of the failing feasibility of past and present forestry operations. If the forestry corporation stopped its operations, the state would make revenue! Operating at a loss of 246m of taxpayer money, and for what purpose? A commercial operation would not survive this level of unpopularity. <https://michaelwest.com.au/nsw-forestry-corporation-is-losing-money-risking-the-environment-yet-logging-continues/>

The environmental importance of forests is glaringly obvious. Specifically, the logging of the largest trees in the area has a negative effect on the remaining trees, further pointing to the lack of sustainable practice. That's to say nothing of the habitat loss leading to species extinction, which Australia leads the world in. It makes absolutely no sense why anyone would be doing all this, at a loss! <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2015-08-20/fact-check-does-australia-have-one-of-the-highest-extinction/6691026>

Australians will continue to demand timber for various private and public projects and Australia remains a fabulous place for growing trees. We need to be growing 100% plantation timber. Private forestry and plantation timber will meet demands whilst operating sustainably and forestry workers should be assisted with a smooth career transition.

Thank you for your consideration.

Hopeful,



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(Arborist and forest rehabilitator)