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My name is Arvind Govindarajan. Having lived in [REDACTED] for almost 10 years, I've had the privilege to explore NSW wilderness through numerous hiking and camping trips that instilled a deep appreciation for NSW forests, with Royal national park and Blue mountains having a special place in my heart.

Getting immersed in such spectacular forests is vital for my mental health and these experiences have ignited a deep passion to protect our backyard national treasures.

Having witnessed the aftermath of the 2019 bushfires, it was disheartening to see the devastating effects on forests and the habitats they support. I have come across several studies that show the impacts of native forests logging and it's contribution to bushfires and increasing risks of extinction as more than half of NSW forests and woodlands are gone.

I urge the panel to stop native forests logging and consider sustainable timber and other alternatives for the above reasons.

Thank you for considering my submission.