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To Forestry Industry Action Panel

Submission to your inquiry into the sustainability of current and future forestry operations in NSW.

My name is Georgia Douglas. I live in [REDACTED] and love to escape into Nature, particularly for bush-walking and generally to marvel at all its beauty and wonder. I joined The Wilderness Society as a volunteer 10 years ago because I was alarmed at the rate of native wildlife extinctions occurring in our unique land. Sadly, despite the clear warnings of the EPBC Act Review, little has changed - except to become worse!

Please recommend an immediate end to logging our NSW Native forests.

NSW Native forest logging = habitat loss = the permanent demise of native species, including the internationally beloved koala. And my taxes are supporting it! To me, this is mad, sad and unacceptable.

There are further reasons why this should be stopped:

- 1) Bushfires are aggravated by the loss of old growth forest
- 2) Community wants better management of NSW forests for now and the future.
Why is this call being ignored?
- 3) Traditional Owners are deeply concerned about the destruction of their cultural heritage, inextricably entwined with Nature.
- 4) Koalas are on-track to become extinct in the wild on the east coast by 2050.
- 5) Huge amounts of carbon are released by the process

If 90% of wood products, including low-value woodchips can be made from sustainable plantation trees, **why** does critical native habitat have to be destroyed? And in an area earmarked as Koala Park?

Mostly, we Nature-loving citizens' views and wishes go unheard by decision-makers, so I thank you for this opportunity to speak directly.

I look forward to hearing from you and to a genuinely Nature Positive outcome of the review.

Sincerely
Georgia Douglas