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Dear Madam/Sir

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Put simply I think we should end the logging of native forests now.

Here are my reasons:

- Direct employment in the sector is very low. Jobs in logging are decreasing, jobs in nature -based tourism are growing.
- A fair transition for these workers into plantation timber work should be relatively easy to achieve.
- There will be more future jobs in nature / ecotourism than logging will provide.
- Plantation timbers supply all we need for building houses.
- The New South Wales taxpayer is subsidising the logging of our native forests to the tune of something like \$400 per hectare. Why?
- Forests create rain, they filter water for our drinking and create healthy soils that store carbon. They provide a myriad of environmental services to us.
- Native forests are not only keepers of biodiversity and important natural habitat, they contribute greatly to the storage of carbon.
- Native forests also continue to draw carbon out of the atmosphere - for as long as they continue to grow.
- The climate crisis is here now. We need to utilise a variety of ways to combat it. Forests are a very important part of maintaining cooler temperatures.

Western Australia and Victoria have both ceased the logging of their native forests. New South Wales should join them.

Yours sincerely

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