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Submission to End Native Forest Logging in NSW

Dear Forestry Industry Action Panel,

Concerned NSW Resident

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission on the Forestry Industry Action Plan. I am writing to strongly support an immediate end to native forest logging in New South Wales, and to call for a transition to sustainable plantation forestry. The continued logging of our public native forests is unsustainable and is pushing species like the Koala and Greater Glider toward extinction.

Australia has become a global leader in deforestation and mammalian extinctions—titles that we should not be proud of. The <u>NSW Biodiversity Outlook Report 2024</u> published earlier this year makes for sobering reading: 89% of ecosystem resilience to climate change has been lost, and a mere 29% of capable habitat remains in NSW. We cannot continue to log our public native forests - far too much has already been lost!

It doesn't even make financial sense: the ongoing logging of public native forests is costing millions of taxpayer dollars and is completely undermining government funded conservation and rehabilitation efforts elsewhere. Taxpayer dollars currently being used to subsidise destructive native logging could be used to fund a just transition including retraining workers. We could save the trees and people's livelihoods.

It's essential that we take immediate action to reverse this trajectory of biodiversity loss. Our forests are vital for storing carbon, cleaning water, providing habitat, and supporting biodiversity, and are of recreational and spiritual importance. **Logging causes lasting harm, not just the environment but also future generations.**

I urge the NSW Government to stop native forest logging immediately.			
Sincerely,			
Jade			