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Dear Forestry Industry Action Panel, this is a submission to your inquiry into the sustainability of current and future forestry operations in NSW.

My name is Jimmy and I live [REDACTED]. I have spent a lot of time in the mid-north coast and south coast forests that are now being logged. Australia is leading the world in biodiversity loss and deforestation and native forest logging plays a huge part in this.

I hope the panel will recommend that native forest logging be brought to an end in NSW as this is what I strongly believe should happen.

Although it is obvious that native forest logging should be stopped, a few reasons include:

- Native forest logging is a loss-making industry that is costing the taxpayer millions of dollars every year. There are far better ways to spend public money.
- Native forest logging is driving species like the koala and greater glider to extinction by destroying their habitat. These forest-dependent wildlife need intact and healthy forests to thrive and survive.
- Native forest logging causes more destructive bushfires. Older forests are more resistant to bushfire, and for forests to grow old we have to stop logging them.
- Traditional Owners continue to raise concerns about how logging destroys First Nations cultural heritage. This is an important opportunity for government to manage forests in ways that recognise Traditional Owner rights and aspirations.
- Protected forests provide greater benefit to more people, and we need NSW's forests to be managed for the benefit of the community, not just a handful of vested interests.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I look forward to hearing from you in regard to this submission and the outcomes of the review. Please do the right thing and end native forest logging immediately.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Thomas