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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 [REDACTED] and I currently reside and work on the fringe of the Berowra Valley National Park. I am a volunteer at my local Bushcare group.

I come from far Northern NSW having grown up next to the big scrub. If 12 year old me knew that 55 year old me would have to be pleading with the government to stop logging old growth forests I would have gone down a different career path in an effort to stop me being in this situation today.

In my role as horticultural worker and bushcare volunteer I converse with many experienced expert scientists, horticulturalists, wildlife experts etc. The main thing they are all worried about.. the level of forest destruction that is occurring. It is too much.

This is insane and I am appalled. Australia LEADS the world in deforestation and extinction of species. What do you think is going to happen if you keep going down this path. In the press we see pictures of koalas up telegraph poles because they've got no trees left to climb.

Old growth forest trees have the necessary hollows for parrots and marsupials to breed. Without these old trees the forests cannot sustain native wildlife.

I challenge you to consult with Indigenous rangers who will explain how logging leaves forests vulnerable to more destructive bushfires. What about the unscrupulous sub contractor operators who fell trees with koalas STILL IN THEM (<https://www.vic.gov.au/79000-fine-contractor-guilty-koala-cruelty-cape-bridgewater>) . If it is happening interstate you can be sure it is happening here.

Enough has been destroyed. I do not want this to happen any further in my state. Our forests should be managed for the benefit of all residents and future generations, not just the vested interests of a few who want to exploit the forests. Anyone in government who is not protecting and preserving our forests should not be there.

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment and I look forward to hearing from you regarding the outcomes of the review.

Sincerely

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