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Topic 1. Sustainability of current and future forestry operations in NSW

I have lived in and around the town of Dorrigo for most of my life. Growing up there were sawmills everywhere until Boral bought most of them out, closed some of them to amalgamate into their two large mills, Koolkhan and Herons creek. The ones we have left are too important to lose. The timber industry has been the root of the economy in our small towns. If you look at Dorrigo now the lack of industry has had a major impact on our town. The timber industry IS a sustainable industry and supports many families in the Bellingen local government area. The Native Timber sector has the biggest impact, as the surrounding sawmills require consistency in this area.

It has the strictest environmental regulations and penalties if those rules are broken. We need to keep all our timber industries as the towns rely on them economically .

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