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Dear Independent Forestry Panel Secretariat

Please accept my submission into the sustainability of current and future forestry operations in NSW.

- I own 200ac of native regenerated forest, with 2 boundaries adjoining the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. As you would know this is a reserve from Tanja State Forrest. In fact 100ac of this property used to be part of the state forest.
- The cessation of logging on my property and the reserve demonstrates how much the wildlife benefit, especially with large amounts of contiguous forest.
- Koala scats were found in a scientific survey at the edge of our property and if this was logged it would obviously destroy this habitat. This applies to habitat all throughout NSW state forest.
- In conjunction with the South East NSW Regional Forestry Hub, I completed the Australian Master TreeGrower Program, which in part, shows agroforestry can be a significant and sustainable way to provide timber into to the future, without the damage to habitat etc. in the existing state forests.
- I fully support an end to native forest logging and a future based on sustainable grown tees, ideally agroforestry but also well managed diverse plantations.
- Logging of native forests is leading to the extinction of species, such as the Greater Glider and Koala and so cannot be described as sustainable.
- Their seems also to be evidence that logging increases risks of severe fires. Please see the following:
 - Recent Australian wildfires made worse by logging and associated forest management. <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41559-020-1195-5?proof=t>
 - Logging increases risk of severe fire. <https://science.anu.edu.au/news-events/news/logging-increases-risk-severe-fire>
 - Empirical analyses of the factors influencing fire severity in southeastern Australia. <https://esajournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/ecs2.3721>
 - <https://theconversation.com/logging-is-due-to-start-in-fire-ravaged-forests-this-week-its-the-last-thing-our-wildlife-needs-132347>
 - Even if there a debate, why take the risk, with all the other benefits of stopping logging?
- Logging public native forests is costing the taxpayer millions and leading to permanent damage to our forests.
- We need healthy forests for holding carbon, cleaning our water, providing habitat, & recreation etc. and logging native forests damages all these values.

Regards

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