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Submission to Forestry Industry Action Plan:

A sustainable logging future prioritises conservation, native animal and environment and community wellbeing over the destruction of our irreplaceable native forest:

- Forests are vital refuges for many threatened species that rely on mature, intact forests. The 2019/20 fires have made this situation much more urgent and serious.
- Logging native forests removes hollows and other habitat for forest wildlife and continued logging will result in the extinction of forest dependent wildlife.
- Please support intact native forest for biodiversity, ecosystem health and our cultural and Aboriginal values.
- Plantation logging already supplies 91% of softwood and hardwood.
- Plantations can supply our high quality and composite timber products for housing, construction, mining, transport and retail.
- Investing in hardwood plantations would end the need for expensive subsidies to the financially unsustainable Forestry Corporation which yields less timber than managed plantations and also destroys our native forest heritage and water system that no person or corporation can replace.
- Please stop logging the native forests that play a massive role in mitigating climate risks and provide opportunities in carbon markets.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

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