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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 fully support an end to native forest logging. A sustainable plantation industry seems, to me, to be a realistic alternative for the future of forestry in NSW.

I feel very passionate about our native forests. They are exquisite, unique biomes, providing clean air and water, habitat and homes for our precious flora and fauna.

Endangered species like the Koala and Greater Glider depend on our native forests that are currently being logged at an alarming rate.

My work, these days, takes me into the native forests of NE NSW, where I monitor bird species, populations and habitat health. This is all voluntary work, helping ecologists and local environment/ conservation groups to collect data in efforts to preserve native ecosystems. Forests are vital refuges for many threatened species that rely on mature, intact forests. Protecting what we have left is paramount in protecting our future. My work used to take me into hospitals, where I was a nurse, caring for the sick and dying. I am now retired but continue to acknowledge the important role a healthy ecosystem plays in human health and well-being.

To continue logging native forests when an alternative sustainable plantation industry is available is irresponsible, both environmentally and economically. It is risking the health of all living creatures, humans included.

Logging native forests removes all vegetation, leaving the site bare and vulnerable to erosion, invasive species and fire. Native wildlife are displaced, their home for generations, gone. This further increases the risk of species extinction. Biodiversity loss increases and we are left poorer for it.

It is definitely time (overdue, really) to stop native forest logging not perpetuate this destructive cycle. Native old growth forests have immense carbon storage potential. Our native forests are worth more to us standing, where they can be the rich carbon sink that they are.

Right now, the logging of native forests is producing low-value products like wood chips! NSW taxpayers are shouldering the burden of funding the NSW Forestry Corporation.

NSW should be allowed to follow South Australia, ACT, Victoria and Western Australia, and transition out of native forest logging to sustainable plantation industry. Timber industry workers and NSW taxpayers need to know that this is the plan for the future - a more positive plan economically and environmentally.

Yours sincerely,

Vicki Sloane