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Dear Forestry Industry Action Panel,

I would like to make a submission regarding the future of forestry in NSW

I live in [REDACTED], Sydney NSW but am a regular visitor to the Blue Mountains and Royal National Park for bush walking. Most of my friends are lovers of the NSW forests and always appreciate the times we get out in the trees with nature and the wildlife we encounter such as the Lyre Bird which 'performed' during a walk near Leura.

I am also a supporter of The Wilderness Society and have a personal interest in environmental protection, climate change mitigation and more sustainable business models.

In 2024 there is simply no good reason to be logging native forests in NSW. Native forests of course provide habitats for threatened species, carbon sinks, tourism opportunities and destinations for ordinary members of the public to get out of town and experience nature.

Timber products can be produced sustainably and profitably from plantations, whereas the NSW Forestry Corporation is actually losing money despite substantial taxpayer funding. I appreciate that some jobs may be impacted by changes to native forest logging but these impacts can be offset by many new jobs for example pro-active management of the forests and tourism.

It is also hard to understand how logging native forests is consistent with the NSW Government's emissions reduction targets. According to the NSW Greens <https://greens.org.au/nsw/endnativeforestlogging2023> "Native forest logging in NSW emits approximately 3.6 million tonnes of carbon every year. This is equivalent to the annual emissions of 840,000 cars per annum and is worth \$2.7 billion in climate mitigation."

My belief is that supporting an end to logging of native forests in NSW, including a pathway to transition the associated jobs to more sustainable roles, would have huge public support in NSW.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

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