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My name is Diane Roberts and I am 67 yrs old. I have seen the destruction of native forests and the flora and fauna that exist within them for all those years. Australia is one of the three highest deforestation hot spots of the world and we hold the highest extinction rate of mammals. I am so ashamed of my country and the lack of care for the natural world which supports us all.

Climate change is upon us yet we continue to destroy all those natural wonders which could save us. But I will be brief and hope that you understand the enormity of this decision, which will affect us all- men women and children.

Therefore

- I fully support an end to native forest logging immediately and a future based on sustainable plantations.
- Logging of native forests never was and can never be sustainable. Native forests do not regenerate like some magic forest. If you cut it down it takes centuries to truly revive. This logging has led to the extinction of so many unique species which formed our ecosystem and is leading to further extinction of species, such as the Greater Glider and Koala.
- Logging public native forests is costing the taxpayer millions and leading to permanent damage to our forests and the health of our citizens.
- If we need more logging why can we not stop the deforestation that animal agriculture has created here in Australia with approx. 70% land cleared and offer the farmers money to reforest their land and get paid for the logging of it.
- We need healthy forests for holding carbon, cleaning our water, providing habitat, improving fire management, providing recreation, spiritual connection and logging native forests damages all these values. In short without these forests there will be no 'us'.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please stop native forest logging.