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**Submission to the
Independent Forestry Panel
Sustainability of Current & Future Forestry Operations in NSW**
from, John Edye, [REDACTED]

I am aware that the NSW Government has established an Independent Forestry Panel to lead consultation on the sustainability of current and future forestry operations in NSW. This is in advance of the NSW Government developing a Forestry Industry Action Plan for the transition from native forest logging.

In making this submission I want to express my concerns about the future of our native forests, given the threats from commercial and private interests continuing licensed logging or unregulated and illegal logging.

It is important for the government to develop a plan to work towards a total transition away from native forest logging and for industry to convert to timber supplies from plantation timber entirely.

Maintenance of our native forests, without further logging, is critical because:

- It will help to mitigate further climate change challenges by allowing our forests to absorb and store carbon and allowing our forests to recover from current logging practices.
- The NSW Forestry Corporation is currently financially unsustainable and relies on government support to continue operations. Government financial support for an organisation that is impacting the climate, nature and recreation is completely ridiculous.
- Plantations currently supply the vast majority of timber needs for construction, providing high quality timber products for building and other needs, so logging of Native Forests is no longer needed for these purposes.
- Native Forests are vitally important because of how they regulate water flow and, in the process, help in the supply of high quality water.
- Continued logging would threaten native wildlife that is dependent on the forest and lead to the extinction of many species.
- Native forests are important for recreation, and the enjoyment of authentic nature. That aspect of forests can't ever be replaced once they have been logged.

Yours Sincerely
John Edye