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Dear Panel members

I arrived in this country in 1979 and fell in love with its natural wonders. Australia had all this new fauna and flora for me to discover. I have since worked for NSW National Parks and taught ecological thinking and aesthetics. Over the decades little has been done to prevent biodiversity and habitat loss, with resultant effects on soil and water quality. But what I can't understand is ongoing logging of Native Forest at a huge cost to the taxpayer and to the future of animals like the Koala, Gliders and Owls. And time and time again Forestry Corporation has been found to be non compliant.

Logging public native forests is so shortsighted. Please listen to the arguments and make a rational decision. A healthy future for our forests depends on it.

Thanking you

Dr John Bennett