

Dear Supplier,

We need your help. Phase II of the Forest Strategy for Nova Scotia has resulted in a broad list of recommendations to our government that will surely cause the end of the forest industry in Nova Scotia. **If the many deficient recommendations made to the government are followed through with - you, your co-workers, your friends, your neighbours, your livelihood - is at risk.**

Forestry is the backbone of this province. It is the leading economic driver for rural Nova Scotia. If the Honourable Minister John MacDonell follows through with his threats on this industry, our wood supply will come to an abrupt halt.

What we need is a forest strategy that will help Nova Scotia move forward as an innovative leader using the world's best renewable resource; in order for this to happen, government regulation and policy needs to be based on credible science - not misunderstood public opinion.

As more and more land is protected in this province, less is available for responsible forest management. In order to counter balance the effects of more protected areas, we need to grow more trees on fewer acres. Intensive forest management allows industry to use all of the tools available to ensure a healthy, regenerating forest. Tools such as clear cutting, herbicide spraying, planting, and pre-commercial thinning are all required in different areas of the forests - depending upon the forest stand type.

The attachment summarizes the most deconstructive of the recommendations made to the government for its 2010 Natural Resources Strategy. Please read this page and express your concerns to Minister MacDonell and your MLA through email, phone, a letter, whatever your preference. I have included their contact information as well.

Without your support on these issues, I am afraid of what the outcome may be. If you have any questions or need help formulating your concerns please don't hesitate to contact me. You are the ones that can make a difference in the outcome of this strategy, as you and your family will be the ones affected by it.

Thank you for your help,

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