

Old Growth Strategic Review
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I have been in the resource sector (oil & gas) most of my life. I compare the oil & gas industry with forestry and in my mind the products are differently, but it is products that are widely being used and most important, available resources from inside Canada. The work provided by these industries give work to thousands of people and provide the necessary means of life. Providing work to the local communities in the areas we operate are a crucial part to providing economic benefit and wellbeing.

The people I now work with are highly intelligent, skilled and professional and I am amazed by the amount of knowledge around sustainable forestry and the years of experience they possess. I will leave the technical expertise around forestry management to the professionals but do want to comment on the importance of the forestry industry to British Columbians and more specific, Vancouver Island where I now live. Bringing in new or changing any legislation without having all the facts and data is not responsible. These changes have a huge affect on the communities where we live and cannot be treated lightly.

I do want to keep living on this beautiful Island and share my experience gained the last 32 years. I have high hopes that this industry will keep providing opportunities for myself, my family and my fellow workers and will continue to operate in the most responsible and sustainable manner to the better of everyone in this province. Please consider very carefully what recommendations are put forward that could have a huge negative affect on this industry, my family and everyone I work with.

Thank you

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