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My submission to the Old Growth Review will be quite simple.

It will illustrate why British Columbia must do **everything** it can to nurture its forests because it is my belief the lands of the province will need to play their role in supporting the conditions upon which all life on the planet depends. The province provides a disproportionate share of the greenery that maintains the air we, animals and plants need - into the future. If others have previously destroyed their vegetated lands and nobody else seemingly will do it, then our land must help to deliver this necessary environmental service.

The exhibits supporting my view are appended below.

I ask that there be a cessation of old growth logging until we create a plan to nurture all of our forest and only harvest that which is the product of sustainable practices. It is my understanding as a layman that we harvest more than the Chief Forester's recommended Annual Allowable Cut maybe as far back as the 1980's. And, in my humble opinion we have not done a satisfactory job in replanting with the appropriate species of trees as climate change really starts to take effect. Your panel was told in Parksville on January 29 that cedars are dying right beside a lake on Denman Island.

I am led to believe that the Swedish forest management model is a reasonably good way to support or impose sustainable forests.

Sincerely,
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Attached images:

1. Groundcover Iraq - the barren and inhospitable lands of Iraq, image from Google Earth
2. Groundcover B.C. - the surface greenery of British Columbia, image from Google Earth
3. The forest fires of Australia 2019/20 (see also summer fires in British Columbia and California)
<https://www.lbc.co.uk/news/australian-fires-cover-an-area-bigger-than-wales/>