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Subject: Old Growth Strategic Review written submission

Dear Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development,

The following is my response to government's request for input on the Old Growth Strategic Review.

1. Old growth to me means community and prosperity. It means sustainability and practicing forestry in old growth means that my company, my employees and my community will survive for the long term.
2. We have a tremendous amount of protected old growth in our province. Forestry is practiced with significant rules and regulations. I'm happy with how old growth is currently managed in the province
3. I have a young family and I am a third generation logger on both sides of my family. I have a son and daughter. If both of my children feel they want to carry on the family tradition it shouldn't be government taking away their opportunity to work in a sustainable resource that doesn't allow them that opportunity

Please do not take away my opportunity to work in this sustainable resource, we have enough old growth protected for all which is a wonderful thing. Please protect our working forest and do not take anymore opportunity away from us..