

**PETITION TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
TO THE HONOURABLE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NEW BRUNSWICK, ASSEMBLED:**

Whereas there is widespread opposition to the 2014 forest plan that guarantees additional wood supply from Crown forest;

Whereas giving away an additional wood supply to industry will mean declassifying conservation forests, more clearcutting and herbicide spraying, more tough market conditions for our woodlot owners and a failure of treaty obligations;

Whereas community forests are increasingly diversifying the options of economic returns from our forest while creating jobs and sustaining healthy forests in British Columbia and Ontario;

Whereas New Brunswick urgently needs a modernized Forest Act to accomplish what we value and desire from our forest;

Whereas on Feb. 18, 2015, David Coon, MLA for Fredericton South, introduced a bill to the Legislative Assembly called, "An Act to Return to the Crown Certain Rights Related to Wood Supply and Forest Management," giving MLAs an opportunity to debate how our forest will be managed in the Legislature.

THE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED REQUESTS THAT NB MLAs SUPPORT:

1. Modernized forest legislation that protects our waters and wildlife, ensures transparent forest management and creates a wider range of forest-based jobs;
2. Giving back the primary source of supply to our mills to our woodlot owners who are struggling;
3. Abandoning the 2014 forest plan that New Brunswickers from diverse backgrounds, including conservationists, scientists, economists, woodlot owners and diverse forest users, oppose;
4. Debate in the Legislature on the forest plan by supporting the second reading of MLA David Coon's forestry bill, *An Act to Return to the Crown Certain Rights Related to Wood Supply and Forest Management*.

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