



## Letter Writing Campaign: Supporting Sustainable Forestry on the Sunshine Coast

People in forestry are often hesitant to voice their opinions and be heard. We encourage you to use the example bullet points below to draft letters supporting the working forest on Mt. Elphinstone.

### Specify how the working forest affects the success of your business:

- My company harvests timber from Mt. Elphinstone’s working forest. Access to this working forest is critical to my company’s success.
- My company processes logs harvested from the Sunshine Coast, including the Mt. Elphinstone area. The flow of timber from this working forest is critical to my company’s success.

### Explain how your company contributes to the Sunshine Coast economy:

- My company creates (*number here*) local, stable, well-paid jobs on the Sunshine Coast. These jobs allow people to work where they live and be a part of the local community.
- My company—which operates on the Sunshine Coast—has an annual payroll of \$(*number here*). We contribute to the local economy and help make the Sunshine Coast a place where people can live AND work.
- My company buys locally from a variety of suppliers—(*list the local companies you support here*). Our work supports other businesses operating on the Sunshine Coast.

### Explain that you support sustainable forestry in your community:

- I support sustainable forestry because a sustainable working forest will generate long-term prosperity for the people of British Columbia.
- While I respect Roberts Creek’s official community plan, Mt. Elphinstone’s forests are part of the provincial forest resource and owned by all British Columbians. As Sunshine Coast residents, we are fortunate to be able to share this working forest for many uses.
- Sustainable forestry means portions of this working forest will be harvested over time, replanted and grown into another healthy forest to be shared and then harvested again.

### Send your letter or email to the five leaders below so they hear your voice.

Please cc the TLA ([truckloggerbc@tla.ca](mailto:truckloggerbc@tla.ca)) so we can keep track of the letters and emails.

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