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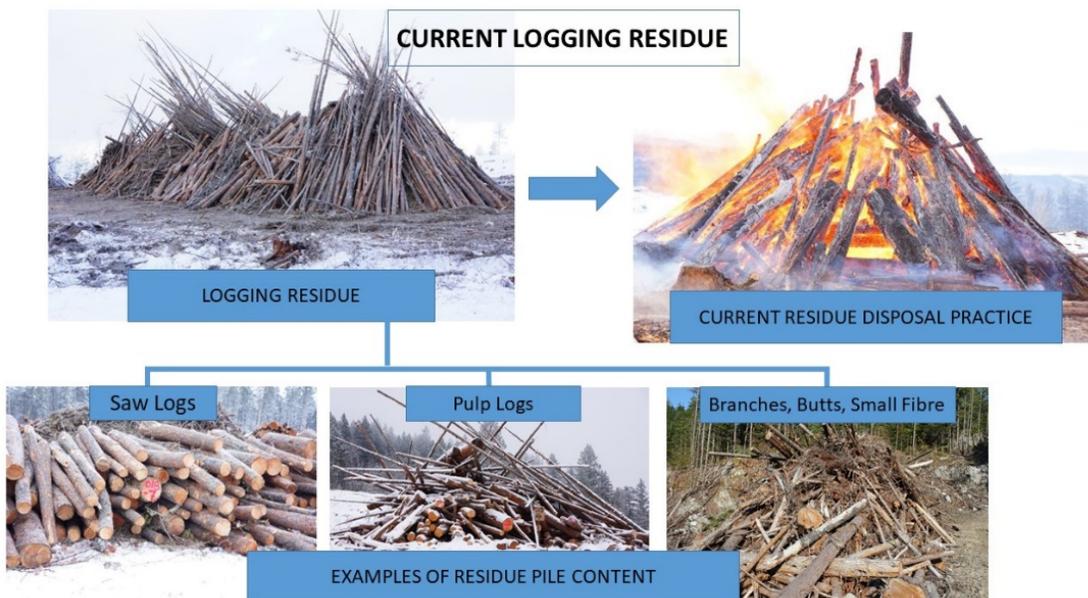
Dear Minister Donaldson:

I was pleased to hear the comments of Premier Horgan at the TLA Convention earlier this year regarding the commitment to fix the breakdown of the relationship between communities and the forest industry. One of the best ways is to increase forest related economic development within communities is to utilize fibre currently wasted.

I would like to bring to your attention an opportunity to:

- 1) Increase community economic development,
- 2) Reduce GHG emissions,
- 3) Supplement log access to secondary wood manufacturing, and
- 4) Increase community economic diversification.

Currently we are creating and burning large piles of logging residue.



The fibre in these piles has the potential for being turned into economically viable products shown below using existing commercialized technology.



I know your Ministry has been working on this issue for several years. However, we are still burning large piles of useable wood and very little is converted into economically viable products. **Clearly more is needed!** A more detailed discussion on the issue can be found at <http://bcforestconversation.com/use-wood-waste-community-diversification/>

I appreciate I am not proposing a large public program but correcting this wasteful practice will go a long way in building the social license between the communities and the forest industry. The major forest licensees have a significant influence on its success. All we need to do is create a climate of cooperation and collaboration and a positive environment for new investors. This can be done by removing the barriers to certainty of access to this fibre and providing incentives (NOT SUBSIDIES) to these willing entrepreneurs.

I am available to you or your colleagues if a discussion on this topic would be useful.

Yours truly,

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