

**This is happening in your backyard!**

### **TURNING BACK THE CLOCK ON CLEAR-FELLING**

The NSW government changed the logging rules to allow **clear-felling** of areas of up to **45ha - 60ha** in forests between Grafton and Taree; a 180-fold increase in intensification of logging. (The previous limit stood at just **0.25ha!**)

### **WOOD-FIRED POWER STATIONS IN YOUR AREA**

The new laws and changed rules open the way for a **massive increase in the supply of small logs** to be **pelletised and burned in wood-fired power stations**. A NSW government report has proposed the building of three such power stations at Bulahdelah, Grafton and Kempsey

### **SELLING OFF OUR FOREST FUTURE TO OVERSEAS MARKETS**

Demand from lucrative **overseas markets** in Europe, Japan and China for woodchips for fuel will intensify logging of small logs with severe impacts on our forests.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION VS VISIONARY SOLUTIONS**

Burning wood for electricity generation is **more expensive and more polluting than using wind and solar power** and emits **more greenhouse gases** than coal. Elsewhere, solar and wind power have created more business and employment opportunities than the highly mechanised logging industry.

Today's logging practices employ fewer workers and cause **major degradation of forests and water catchments**. The new logging laws will cause further damage to waterways and endanger wildlife. Destroying mature forests adversely affects soil erosion, the water cycle, threatened species (including our iconic Koala), and ecotourism.

## **IRRATIONAL DECISIONS THAT HARM FUTURE GENERATIONS**

Recent scientific studies stress that to successfully combat climate change, we must allow forests to return to their mature natural state. The claim that wood is a renewable energy resource ignores the fact that **it takes many decades to recapture the carbon emitted by their burning – time we do not have.**

## **YOU PAY \$\$ FOR THIS CRAZINESS**

Currently, **taxpayers** fork out an average of **\$11m per annum** to cover losses incurred by hardwood logging by the Forestry Corporation NSW. This money is far better spent on schools, hospitals, and transitioning to proven renewable sources such as wind and solar.

**Act NOW to stop this proposed destruction of our forests!**

- Talk to people – spread the word.
- Join a group (see below).
- Lobby your local State and Federal members
- Email the Premier at

<http://www.nsw.gov.au/contact-us/contact-the-premier/>

**Want to find out more?**

<http://www.nefa.org.au>

<https://npansw.org/what-we-do/our-work/campaigns/end-native-forest-logging>  
[www.forestsandclimate.org.au](http://www.forestsandclimate.org.au)

**NO ELECTRICITY FROM FORESTS:** <https://www.facebook.com/neffaction/>



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## END GAME FOR NORTH COAST FORESTS AND KOALAS



**The State government has a woeful record in managing forests;** over cutting the local forests, clear felling, removing important protections for habitat for rare and endangered forest fauna and flora, including the iconic koala and reducing erosion control measures.

**Forest destruction is going to get much worse** as the Forestry Corporations latest logging plans take full effect with intensive logging over an area of 142,000 hectares! (refer to map – North Coast Intensive Zone – on reverse side in red).

**Under the new rules the scale of logging will be massively increased** to an unprecedented level, with weak, poorly supervised regulation or none, strip mining the forests with heavy industrial machinery, converting complex forest types into single species blackbutt forests to be cut over shorter and shorter cutting cycles.

**The State Government is trying to hoodwink the public and hide the truth** of what the changes will really mean, as they implement their new measures to increase dramatically the supply of small logs.

**Behind the scenes the Forestry Corporation is negotiating for the potential sale of 58%** of the estimated timber on the North Coast and Tablelands to overseas interests as pulpwood or as fuel for burning in power stations.

**The forests will be wood chipped and pelletised** to burn in furnaces to produce electricity in a power station near you- in your backyard or overseas in Japan and other parts of Asia.

**We need to call on the National Party to account for their irresponsible and damaging policies** as they hold key electorates on the North Coast of NSW with large areas of forests.

**Other forests reserves, old growth forests will be harvested;** and even National Parks in the future are earmarked for exploitation by some sections of the forest industry. They argue these are needed to meet their inflated market projections for wood for burning in furnaces to produce electricity.

**The State governments destructive forest policies will ensure koala decline will accelerate** and they will be locally extinct in the next few decades.

**The State governments Koala conservation strategies and new reserve areas are a sham** – very few new reserves have been created; few koalas will be offered protection and ignores the largest populations of koalas in North Coast coastal plain forests which have been left largely unprotected.

**Wood is not the renewable carbon neutral energy source they claim** – you may as well burn coal. The forest should be left to mature to act as a carbon sinks and provide important habitat for forest dependent plants and animals

**What utter madness when we face an increasingly warming planet** and need to move rapidly to carbon free renewable energy sources that are now readily available.

**SAVING FORESTS IS CLIMATE ACTION**

**Kempsey Area State Forests**  
**North Coast Intensive**  
 ( 45ha Virtual Clearfells )

Tamban  
 Way Way  
 Kalateenee  
 Maria River

**Regrowth**  
**(Double Logging Intensity)**

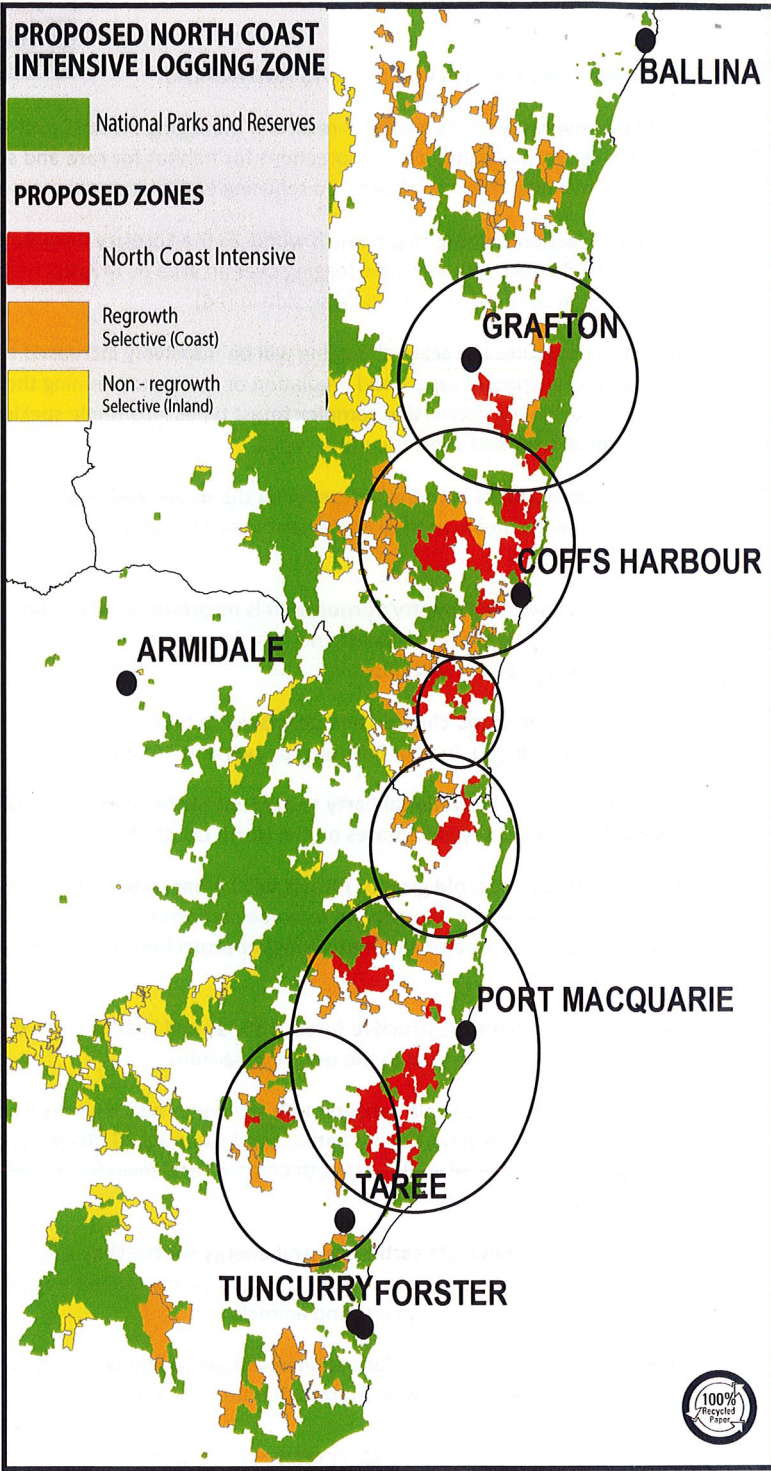
Coolambatti  
 Old Station  
 Skillion Flat Ball Angarra  
 Ingalba

**Port Macquarie Area State Forests**  
**North Coast Intensive**  
 ( 45ha Virtual Clearfells )

Brill Brill	Cooperbrook
Bellangary (P)	Comboyne
Mount Boss	Upsalls Creek
Cowarrawa	Kerewong
Burrawan	North Branch
Queens Lake	Lorne
Broken Bago	Bulls Ground
Kendall	Kew
Middle Brother	Dingo(P)
Johns River	Bulga(P)
Landsdowne	

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Cairncross (P)  
 Ballengarra  
 Kippara  
 Bellangary(P)  
 Pappinbarra  
 Mount Boss  
 Doyles River  
 Bulga (P)  
 Dingo (P)  
 Knorrit



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