

**INQUIRY INTO PERFORMANCE OF THE NSW
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

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AS A CONSERVATIONIST AND LOVER OF OUR PRECIOUS FORESTS AND THEIR
IRREPLACEABLE ECOSYSTEMS I WOULD LIKE THIS INQUIRY TO RECOMMEND

1. A transparent and repeatable process and criteria for identifying and protecting core and potential Koala habitat across all tenures;
 2. An independent process for assessing forests well in advance of logging to identify Koala habitat, with an aim to complete the delineation of Koala habitat on public lands within 3 years;
 3. A requirement that habitat trees required to be retained for fauna habitat have their GPS localities recorded when marking to better facilitate implementation, auditing and ongoing protection;
 4. The mapping of areas affected by, and vulnerable to, Bell Miner Associated Dieback in harvest plans and the exclusion of logging from affected and vulnerable stands;
 5. Penalties that reflect the seriousness of the offence and that are progressively increased for repeat offences;
 6. Removal of a cap on the issuing of Penalty Notices, and their issuing for all significant offences and repeat offences, according to explicit criteria;
 7. Requirements for rehabilitation of illegally logged sites and the provision of compensatory habitat;
 8. A requirement for the EPA to prepare professional and comprehensive reports documenting their investigations and justifying their conclusions from significant investigations, rather than just sending letters to complainants;
 9. A requirement for EPA auditors to have appropriate training and environmental expertise in what they investigate;
 10. A requirement that all investigation reports be completed within 3 months and made publicly available on the web;
 11. An independent mechanism to investigate complaints against the EPA.
- made complaints to the EPA regarding both the processors of sawlogs and their harvest in Ewingar and adjoining forests I felt that the EPA did not do due diligence when assessing the damage done to water courses and the intrinsic forest habitat which housed many threatened species including Superb Lyrebirds and a variety of arboreal and ground dwelling mammals. In fact the EPA has been designed to allow destruction of the environment not protect it as it licenses destructive prescriptions as nominated by the licensees.
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