

**Submission
No 137**

**INQUIRY INTO KOALA POPULATIONS AND HABITAT IN
NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Dear Committee,

To Whom it Concerns

I am extremely irritated that the NSW Government continues to chase profits from assets that are of great social importance to the people of NSW.

This letter is in protest to the increased demands that are being applied to the State forests of NSW, the proposals that are being considered for the State Forests of NSW in the near future and the lack of concern for our endangered native species.

I own a property that shares a boundary with the Lansdowne State Forest. I see the result of the logging and what appears evident is that the exclusion zones and protection zones are compromised. The water in the creek that flows through my property is fouled and wildlife is displaced. This year (2019) I have seen the logging on an area that is marked on Forestry maps (Forestry Corporation, Compartments 184, 185, 186 and 187, Lansdowne State Forest) as inhabited by Koalas (and appears to have occurred in many areas in my valley). There is no concern to endangered species shown by NSW Forestry Corporation, they should not be given the responsibility of caring for the assets of the people of NSW. With the newly planned Coastal IFOA this situation is only getting worse. Clear felling will increase from 0.25Ha (this limit is already exceeded from what I see in Lansdowne State Forest) to areas greater than 45Ha. We should be reducing the demands we place on our native forests. In the short 200 year history of modern Australia we have removed more than 90% of NSW forests. According to the EPA State of the Environment, 2015 less than 10% remain intact or 'close to natural conditions'. There is a lot of rhetoric about saving the environment but the reality is that the management of the forests that is levied by the NSW Government upon our state forests is simply relentless & nonreversible destruction.

Further to the Coastal IFOA plan is the new plan from the Department of Primary Industries "North Coast Residues" document. This document is stunning reading. This document details the removal of almost all the organic matter encountered during logging. This will be the total annihilation of the forests and all associated ecosystems. To think that the Government would consider removing almost all the organic matter that is generated during logging for the purpose of running a wood fired power station (or similar, here or overseas) takes us back to the dark ages.

We hear so much about endangered species and the government publicly engages in rescue programs. • Office of Environment and Heritage, SEPP 44 • Biodiversity Act, 2016 • Government announcement, 6 May, 2018, \$45M to rescue Koala's
This is a public confidence trick (a con).

I request that the NSW government • Reduce the demands for logging on the NSW native state forests • Cease clear felling in the NSW native state forests • Honor protection areas and exclusion zones during logging • Create areas for endangered species to survive • Only consider any utilization of hardwoods for building and furniture (cease all other purposes being considered) • Plan a transition from logging in public native forests to plantation timber only. • Rejecting the Government's proposal to open up thousands of hectares of old growth forests to logging on the NSW North Coast