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To: [NRC](#)
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1. The proposals set a dangerous precedent for commercial exploitation of conservation areas.
2. Commercial logging should not be allowed in the national parks estate. This is a highly political recommendation that should not have been made by an independent organisation.
3. NSW taxpayers paid \$51 million in restructuring relief in 2005 for these areas to compensate for the loss of areas now protected from logging and grazing.
4. Commercial logging is likely to be illegal so the NRC is recommending changes to law to make it possible. Profit must not drive change to conservation law.
5. The alleged benefits of ecological thinning are very questionable. The scientific “evidence” used to justify the practice is hotly disputed.

signed: Alan Mewett
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