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TO: Natural Resources Commission

Submission: Draft Report: Management of the Brigalow & Nandewar State Conservation Areas.

I wish to object to the proposal which recommends management practices such as "ecological thinning", "targetted grazing" and "controlled burning".

State Conservation Areas have been created as areas of ecological significance and should be managed accordingly.

Management must include extensive fauna and flora surveys. Endangered plant and animal species are known to exist in these areas and so maintenance of ecological communities must be the highest priority.

"Target logging" in the Goonoo, Pilliga, Pilliga West and Trinkey State Conservation Areas should not be allowed and sets a dangerous precedent for the management of other Conservation Areas in NSW.

There is very little evidence to suggest that white cyprus is "bad for the ecology". Logging white cypress will open up the area to the spread of invasive grasses. This in turn creates areas with huge fire potential. Climate Change is a serious issue which has to be considered as part of the management process. Logging of forests contributes to global warming. Burning of felled trees to generate "green electricity" should not be considered because it contributes to global warming and is not renewable in short time frames. It is anything but "green". Instead, these conservation areas should be viewed as carbon sinks.

Targetted grazing is not appropriate in State Conservation Areas. Grazing destroys ground cover. It contaminates an ecological community through the introduction of weed species, hardening the soil surface, creating tracks etc.

Not only is logging inappropriate in a State Conservation Area it should, under no circumstance, be subsidized by the State Government.

State Conservation Areas including Brigalow and Nandewar are valuable assets for our State and must therefore be managed to maintain their ecological integrity.

Logging, grazing and burning (with the exception of infrequent, highly controlled and targetted burning) do not belong in these areas. Such practices do not "improve environmental outcomes". They have destructive consequences for both the short and long term management of our natural areas.

Yours sincerely,

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