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To: [NRC](#)
Subject: Submission Brigalow and Nandewar state conservation areas
Date: Thursday, 24 July 2014 7:57:30 PM

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am deeply concerned about a proposal to allow commercial logging in a **State Conservation Area**.

“A Supreme Court judge has compared images of a felled forest with a World War I battlefield before ordering a temporary ban on logging in a hotly contested part of East Gippsland.”

Read more: <http://www.theage.com.au/environment/judge-likens-gippsland-logging-to-the-somme-20090914-fnvg.html#ixzz38NOszm72>

In 2005 when the Brigalow and Nandewar conservation areas were declared, the timber and logging industry received a multimillion dollar pay-out as compensation. To open these areas for logging now isn't just bad for nature, it is double dipping on an asset already paid for by NSW taxpayers: \$51 million for these areas to be protected from logging and grazing!

The Brigalow has been identified by the federal government as one of Australia's 15 national biodiversity hotspots. It is vital this area is protected and treated with respect.

Areas of dense white cypress pine provide conditions vital for the survival of several native plant and animal species.

A mosaic of different white cypress pine densities has always been present and was noted by the early European explorers. Dense cypress pine stands provide the cover needed for plant species such as orchids, heat refuges for animals such as the koala, which are known to use these areas during extreme heat events. There are reported to be 15,000 koalas in the area. The soil health under dense stands of cypress is maintained by an increased incidence of bryophytes, mosses and other non-vascular plants, which protect soil structure and aid water infiltration and retention, when compared to forests where disturbance from grazing and logging has occurred.

The NRC has provided no evidence that logging/grazing/firewood harvesting will provide ecological benefits or maintain conservation values.

Heavy machinery used during logging breaks down soil structure and promotes wind and water erosion.

State conservation areas have been set aside to protect and conserve significant or representative ecosystems, landforms, natural phenomena, or places of cultural significance!

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