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I wish to express my total opposition to the proposal for commercial logging and grazing in the Brigalow and Nandewar Conservation Areas for the following reasons:

This proposal is in direct opposition to what Conservations stand for, namely conservation, and is unlawful. To change legislation in the interest of commercial gain is unethical where the environment will suffer.

The proposed activities have not been scientifically shown to result in anything but environmental damage to areas used for conservation, through destruction of habitat for at least some species, disturbance caused by the use of heavy machinery, and loss of biodiversity. Tree habitat should be allowed to exist in varying density, not thinned, selected and regulated

Commercial activity cannot be adequately controlled, and illegal action is the norm when concessions are allowed. To assume that any activity will be limited to permitted areas and species would be extremely naïve where commercial gain is involved, in the light of past history. To allow any commercial activity at all would be the thin end of the commercial wedge and should not be contemplated in these areas.

The conservation areas concerned have been purchased as compensation for the timber industry, which would thus benefit doubly if logging were allowed, at the expense of the general Australian population, to which all areas of natural heritage belong

I trust that fairness and respect for the legislation which allowed these valuable areas to be established, after scientific investigation, will prevail.

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