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**To:** [NRC](#)  
**Subject:** Submission to: Draft report: active and adaptive cypress management in the Brigalow and Nandewar state conservation areas  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I object to the proposals in this draft report as they set a dangerous precedent for commercial exploitation of conservation areas. Commercial logging should not be allowed in the national parks estate and in 2005 myself and other NSW taxpayers paid \$51 million in restructuring relief for these areas to compensate for the loss of areas now protected from logging and grazing. Commercial logging is likely to be illegal so the NRC is recommending changes to law to make it possible and the alleged benefits of ecological thinning are very questionable. Furthermore, the scientific "evidence" used to justify the practice is not based on sound peer reviewed research.

The result of these activities in already threatened vegetation communities such as these will lead to degradation, fragmentation, weed infestation, predation of native animals by feral animals and destruction of wildlife habitat. I urge you to reject these proposals as short term gain for a very few and long term loss for the rest of NSW taxpayers. Once these ecosystems are degraded they cannot be 'undegraded' and we will have lost them forever.

Yours sincerely,  
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