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I am deeply disturbed to hear that the NSW government is considering the possibility of logging National Parks and State Conservation Areas.

We have already seen much of our natural wildlife driven to the point of extinction and in some cases beyond that point. The natural forest ecology has been disturbed to the extent that changed distribution of forest timbers is exacerbating the frequency and strength of wild fires. This augments the increased ferocity that is a response to the higher temperatures and extreme fire days due to the changing climate.

Commercial logging is responsible for a destructive impact on habitat and rare or endangered species. It should not be part of our forest management. In 2005 over \$50,000,000 was paid as compensation when logging and grazing rights were ended in these now protected areas. Now they want another bite at the cherry but commercial logging has abused its privileges and has lost any social licence that it may once have had.

Furthermore logged native forest timber will not be acceptable as wood chip or furniture product to many commercial enterprises and their customers unless the timber is certified to FSC or other acceptable standard. And there will be very active opposition to any attempt to burn the wood for power production.

The currently protected stands of mature white cypress in the targeted areas are high in biodiversity and support large populations of threatened woodland flora and fauna. The government has no right to put further pressure on biodiversity hotspots such as the Brigalow State Conservation Area.

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