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To the NRC,

The recommendation by the Natural Resources Commission to allow logging and grazing in the Brigalow and Nandewar State Conservation Areas must be rejected.

The areas under question have been deemed to have enough conservation value to be protected and this should be respected. If logging is allowed in these areas, then no conservation area will be free from the threat of degradation from grazing or logging and its associated operations.

Logging not only removes vital habitat trees; the tracks and heavy machinery used in these operations further destroys a wider area as well as compacting the soils, causing erosion, which in turn threatens water quality.

Anyone who has seen a recently logged area first hand will be aware of the destruction wrought by modern logging methods. On the South Coast, native forest logging operates at a loss.

All timber should be sourced from plantation timber, not protected conservation areas.

Grazing will also impact negatively on the conservation values of these areas, through the loss of vegetation and the introduction of weeds.

Our natural areas are already under immense pressure from climate change and population growth, and need increased protection, not increased threat. These areas need to be kept separate from the profit motive, protected for their intrinsic values to protect wildlife which cannot protect itself from human exploitation.

Yours sincerely

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