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To: [NRC](#)
Subject: Submission regarding proposed logging in Brigalow and Nandewar State Conservation Areas
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I am writing to say that logging, grazing and controlled burning operations should NOT be permitted in the Brigalow and Nandewar State Conservation areas for the following reasons.

1. In 2005, when these conservation areas were declared after a long and extensive assessment that had consulted all groups that had an interest in those areas, the NSW taxpayers paid \$51 million dollars to the timber and logging industries as compensation. By opening these areas to logging these industries would be double dipping on an asset already paid for by the tax payers of NSW.
2. The draft report fails to credibly establish the scientific reasons for ecological thinning of white cypress pine. The Brigalow has been identified by the federal government as one of Australia's national biodiversity hotspots. It is vital this area is protected and treated with respect.
3. Areas of dense white cypress pine provide a habitat for the survival of flora and fauna including a colony of koalas.
4. There is no evidence from the NRC's report that logging/grazing/firewood harvesting has any ecological benefits or will maintain any conservation value.
5. The report recommends changing conservation legislation to make logging legal in these areas. This should not happen - profits must not drive changes to conservation law.
6. Most importantly though, State Conservation areas have been set aside to protect and conserve significant or representative ecosystems, landforms, natural phenomena or places of cultural significance. It is an act of cynical vandalism if the NSW Government allows activities such as logging to take place, where profits are put ahead of the value of our untouched natural areas.

Yours sincerely
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