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I wish to express my utmost objection to the NRC proposal to thin white cypress pine in the Brigalow and Nandewar State Conservation Areas.

- 'Interference' with natural processes and systems as proposed in the report has no place in our National Park estate.

- The reasons given for the need to thin the white cypress pine are not justifiable in my opinion.

- Removing the timber from the ecosystem for sale to sawmills is farcical. It is against the law to remove timber/wood from the national park estate. Why? Because that timber/wood is vital in the provision of nutrients for recycling in the ecosystem. **That is the most basic foundation of ecosystem functioning!** Removal of timber from the ecosystem removes an important future source of nutrients and thus have consequences throughout the ecosystem.

\* Adoption of the recommendations in this report will set a dangerous precedent of opening up the estate to further commercial activities

- Conservation of the National Park estate is critical to protection of biodiversity both now and in the future. Australia's ecosystems have already been highly modified with significant species losses. Units within the estate must be allowed to exist in their own right. How can we possibly protect our precious biodiversity if we begin opening up the estate to such activities.

- While koala populations are being severely diminished in the east coast regions, a most significant population exists in SCAs concerned. It is acknowledged that koalas use the protection of the dense cypress stands in hot weather.

I can not believe that such a proposal has come from the very unit charged with the responsibility of looking after our natural resources. it would seem to be a blatant attempt to make profits from our park estate.

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