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14. Why are you interested in the Brigalow and Nandewar State Conservation Areas or the NRC's review?

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15. Do you use or access the Brigalow and Nandewar State Conservation Areas?

► **Yes**

No

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19. Make a submission

Dear NRC I have a long standing interest in the conservation management of the cypress-eucalypt forests of the Brigalow/Nandewar and as a landowner and citizen remain concerned about proposals to manage these lands that may be inconsistent with conservation outcomes. In relation to the CCA3 zone, which is land administered under the NP&W Act with the objectives of conservation, recreation and mineral extraction, it seems the purpose of this inquiry is to investigate the feasibility of establishing cypress thinning regimes with a view to commercial rewards at some later stage. These forests have been subject to a long history of "active management" which tended to promote cypress over eucalypt growth via various silvicultural regimes. An important point here is that these CCA3 areas are not uniform in their ecological characteristics, landscape or vegetation communities, with the majority of land to the east dominated by Black Cypress Pine, an uncommercial species. No doubt a key area of interest for commercial activities is the Pilliga West SCA which is dominated by mixed White Cypress Pine - eucalypt associations. The terms of reference are in error to consider these forests as "cypress forests" as this is not an accurate characterisation of their true nature. They are floristically diverse communities which support a high number of values such as habitat for threatened fauna and flora as well as European and Aboriginal cultural heritage. While many areas have become dominated by cypress and Bull Oak regrowth, (due largely to inadequate active management by the previous forestry regime - ie a lack of thinning) there can be little doubt that the biodiversity value of the CCA3s has increased since the change in management to the Parks and Wildlife Group due to reduction in human activity. A commercially driven regime to actively thin cypress for timber production is incompatible with the current zone objectives which I believe should remain this way, as it may entail an increase in human activity, roading and machinery use and will ultimately tend to promote commercial zones within the CCA3s. The issue of reducing tree regrowth can be addressed adequately by the use of fuel reduction burns as Cypress pine is intolerant and readily killed by fire. This type of regime will also improve biodiversity values in the CCA3s if done in a way that reduces hollow loss as far as possible. The Pilliga West SCA is particularly suited to this type of management as it is flat and not prone to large wildfires. Such a regime will tend to promote a forest with a grassy understorey which historically was the original structure of the Pilliga West SCA. Commercial and non-commercial thinning is more suitable for the CCA4 zones where the benefit of reducing regrowth, ecological outcomes and commercial outcomes can be more compatible. Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

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