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

As the scientific representative the Border Rivers - Gwydir CCAC , a long-time resident of the Nandewar Bioregion (greater than 30 years) and consultative ecologist with more than 20 years experience, I have a keen interest in the sustainable long-term management of the natural vegetation and faunal habitat resources within the reserves of north-west NSW.

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

► **Yes**
No

16. Please specify how/where.

Bird watching and bush walking in Terry Hie Hie Aboriginal area, Bullala and Pilliga West SCAs, lead guided community walks in Goonoowigal SCA; undertaken flora surveys in Pilliga West, Goonoowigal Pilliga West and Ukerbarley SCAs.

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Dear Sir/Madam, My comments regarding the Terms of Reference are as follows: - a clear and concise definition of the terms 'adaptive' and 'active' management either prior to or as part of this assessment. - in considering the current and future ecological values of these forests an option to allow natural processes to proceed relatively unhindered by human intervention should also be considered. Although historically disturbed by logging and grazing it is my opinion, based on extensive field experience, that areas where human disturbance is now minimal (such as within SCAs) are rare and extremely important for the maintenance of many flora and fauna species. Consequently, I believe the NRC must seriously consider the gamut of negative impacts such as increased noise, lights, human activity, vehicle movements and roading requirements as well as increased risk of weed and feral animal invasion which will arise from allowing silvicultural, thinning and logging practices. All of these and more will impact on habitat quality for flora and fauna to a greater or lesser degree as well as recreational pursuits such as bushwalking and bird watching. - Implicit in the use of the term 'adaptive' management is a requirement for ongoing monitoring to ensure the environmental values are actually being maintained under any particular landuse regime. Further baseline environmental information is required before the implementation of a particular landuse regime against which monitoring results are compared so that adaptive management can occur. - threatened ecological communities and important habitat features rare in the general landscape (ie large old trees, mixed age forest structure, known fauna food trees) must be protected from disturbance by silviculture, thinning and logging practices. - if logging is to be considered ecologically sustainable then by definition it should not allow the removal of smaller and smaller trees, as currently occurs to meet timber quotas. The forest structure and species diversity must be maintained with the long-term aim of achieving an old growth mixed age stand. By definition therefore this excludes the use of group selection which changes a forest into a woodland. yours sincerely Wendy Hawes

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