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Native Vegetation Regulation Review,
Environment Protection Authority,
P.O. Box A290,
SYDNEY SOUTH. N.S.W. 1232.

Sir/Madam,

Once again I wish to express to you that I am appalled that you are considering to allow out native forests to be cut down.

I have grave concerns for the future of the forests and especially Mt. Rae Forest. It is a beautiful area with the most precious native wildlife and it is being destroyed by greedy people making money from cutting down perfectly good trees for firewood. I have visited Mt. Rae Forest and many other forests in New South Wales and other States and I thoroughly enjoy the freedom of being able to enjoy nature at its best. The existence of wildlife refuges, trees and many native plants and lands under conservation agreement with the NSW Environment Minister adds value for the need to protect all forestry areas and many non-wood values also in need of protection.

Prior to this Government (and this goes for the previous and future Governments) making a decision you should consider:-

1. Before any final draft of this law include the need for independent fauna and flora surveys.
2. The people/organisation must be honest and not 'yes men' to the current government.

When numerous surveys reveal threatened plant and animal species on lands next to those for logging and have been recognised by the NSW Government as containing these state significant biodiversity values, then granting logging approvals on similar lands in this forest clearly demonstrate how the lack of surveys and relying on developers to identify non-wood values does not work.

HOW CAN CUTTING TREES DOWN FOR NOTHING BETTER THAN
FIREWOOD BE CONDONED BY THE OEH????????????????????

Without needing surveys it is easy to say all these forests are unhealthy and lacking in biodiversity but my own personal observations makes me disagree most strongly. Where is their proof? They were proven wrong in Mt. Rae Forest but logging is now happening. You should see the devastation. What an ugly sight.

1. How do you justify such approvals and are you checking to make sure the government requirement of clearing this forest meets the improved or maintained clauses of the Native Vegetation Act?

2. How does it protect the threatened species of the Southern Tablelands areas when no surveys are required.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE ACTION AND REVOKE THE APPROVAL IN MOUNT RAE FOREST AND REMOVE THE OBVIOUS LOOPHOLES IN THE ACT THAT ALLOW BROADSCALE COMMERCIAL LEVEL FIREWOOD CLEARING IN THE REGION.

Please remember:- no animals - no people,
 no trees - no people,
 no clean air - no people,
 no water - no people.

Yours faithfully,

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