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**Subject:** Fw: Comment on Draft Native Forestry Code of Practice for Southern NSW

Native Vegetation Regulation Review  
Environment Protection Authority  
P.O. Box A290  
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I wish to express my disgust that you are considering to permit our native forests be cut down.

I have many concerns for the future of the forests in NSW, especially Mt. Rae Forest. It is a beautiful area with native wildlife and it is being destroyed by cutting down perfectly good trees for firewood. I have visited Mt. Rae Forest and many other forests and National Parks in New South Wales and I enjoy the feeling of 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.

This Government should consider:-

- a. The need for independent flora and fauna surveys should be included before any final draft of this law.
- b. Organisations such as the Wilderness Society be part of the preparation, conduct and decision making from any survey conducted.

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. Too many forests are going up in SMOKE especially Mt Rae Forest.

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. They were proven wrong in Mt. Rae Forest but logging is now happening.

- a. 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?

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

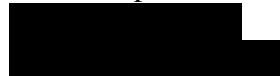
THE NEW GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE ACTION AND REVOKE THE APPROVAL IN MOUNT RAE FOREST AND REMOVE THE OBVIOUS LOOPHOLES IN THE ACT THAT ALLOW BROADSCALE COMMERCIAL LEVEL FIREWOOD CLEARING IN THE REGION.

Do it right. Don't log our forests.

A message from thw wildlife:- "DON'T LOG OUR HOMES"

Yours faithfully,

Lena Cooper

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