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Native Vegetation Regulation Review ,  
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To whom it may concern,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the final draft of this Code of practice.

I would ask that the EPA make changes to this draft to ensure that this act cannot continue to allow people to buy native forest land and then proceed to clear and log them just to sell the trees as commercial firewood . This is currently happening in the Mount Rae forest in the Upper Lachlan Shire and forestry networks have stated they wish to use these laws to carry out commercial firewood logging throughout the region to supply firewood to Canberra and Sydney .

How does approving such actions meet the objectives of reducing carbon emissions to protect future generations and stop the polluting of our air?

A friend of mine whom I admire, lives at Mount Rae Forest and we have visited regularly over the past decade. Mount Rae forest contains many of our countries unique wildlife and threatened species but that under this act these same firewood merchants are not required to undertake any environmental surveys. I had thought that all clearing in native forests would require surveys before being allowed to fell the century old trees of this area, and the tree dwelling wildlife they support. I would therefore ask that the requirement for independent environmental surveys also be included in this forestry act.

As a person who wishes to see the government meet its aims of protecting the non-wood values of our forests for future generations I thank you for considering my input .

Sincerely  
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