

LOCAL NATIVE FORESTS & WATERWAYS ARE UNDER THREAT

**On 25 March please remember
our shared environment and support:**

- 1. The creation of the community proposal for
The Great Koala National Park,
and an immediate moratorium on logging
of the 176,000 hectares of State Forests
planned to be added to existing National Parks**
- 2. A moratorium on logging of
all koala habitat in NSW**
- 3. An end to native forest logging in NSW**
- 4. A transition plan and package to a
fully sustainable plantation industry in NSW**

**If native forests are not protected NOW
many threatened plant and animal species
face rapid extinction**

Our public native forests provide safe habitat and vital breeding corridors across our region. North Coast koalas declined by at least 50% over 20 years before the 2019/20 fires. Since then koalas and more than 8 other local fauna species are likely to experience long-term declines of over 25% of their overall populations.

**Healthy diverse forests and clean waterways
are essential for all life**

Industrialised logging is changing the landscape of our region, leading to increased temperatures, drier habitat conditions, heightened bushfire risks, large carbon emissions and soil erosion. Logging reduces stream flows, affecting our water quality and supply.

Native forests contain many types of trees and plants of various ages. Once canopy cover is broken weeds, such as lantana, take over. The lost mature and hollow bearing trees that many of our wildlife depend on will not grow back in our grandchildren's lifetimes.

**Forestry Corporation of NSW logging practices
are not economically, socially
or environmentally sustainable**

Forestry Corporation of NSW generally operates at a financial loss on native forest logging, with a total loss of \$95 million over the past 14 years. Taxpayers pay for these losses and pay for logging operations that contribute to declining animal populations and degradation of soil, water catchments, ecosystems and critical carbon sinks.

**Do we need to log native forests
to address the housing crisis?**

In 2020/2021 native hardwood logs comprised just 6% of NSW's log production and a similar proportion of sawn timber. Only a very small amount of timber used for housing comes from hardwood plantations, as most timber comes from softwood pine plantations. The global supply of native hardwoods is rapidly disappearing. Industrialised logging in public native forests is no longer an option if we are to conserve life-giving ecosystems. Over 60% of a felled tree is either burnt or left on site. There are already alternatives to native forest timber, such as composite structural timber and laminated flooring.

**The forests listed are some of the public native forests
scheduled for logging within the next 12 months.
There are many more public and private forests
currently being logged across our region.**

For further information please contact:
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Friends of Pine Creek, Kalang River Forest Alliance,
Nambucca Valley Conservation Association,
North East Forest Alliance and many experts
and residents of the Mid North Coast.