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Attention - Independent Forestry Panel Secretariat

RE - current and future forestry operations in NSW.

It is dismay and disgust in my NSW Labour government that prompt me to make this submission.

Your election promises to support the great Koala National Park, stop runaway land clearing and fix the biodiversity offset scheme, suggested (in marked contrast to the previous NSW government) — you actually understood that trees and forest ecosystems are essential to human life on earth — by holding carbon, filtering water and supporting diverse habitats.

Yet – you are choosing to destroy the habitats of iconic Australian species, such as the koala and greater glider.

You are choosing instead to support the forestry industry using millions of taxpayer dollars - dollars that should be directed towards initiatives that are not morally bankrupt.

Obviously, there are irrational and dangerous forces steering your government away from rational and moral decisions. And you have succumbed to them.

You must stop native forest logging and create a future with hope, based on sustainable plantations.

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