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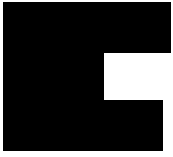
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Wingham Forest Action first defended the Bulga State Forest in 1989. It has been around ever since. Wingham Forest Action wrote in support of the defence of Bulga Forest Logging Operation Cpts 41 & 43 in Jan 2023.

In 1994 members of WFA were the support crew in the case Nicholls vs National Parks and Wildlife Service NSW. 1994. During this case we came across, for the first time, the term “whole of Govt approach”. This was after the Director of the NPWS, [REDACTED], applied the letter of the law to the State Forest’s application for a Licence to Kill Threatened Species as was stipulated by an act of Parliament. “Tantamount to killing off the logging industry” was the response from Hans Drielsma, Director of State Forests NSW.

[REDACTED] was then shipped off to look after the elephants at Dubbo Zoo and the “whole of Government approach” was initiated.

This, in real life, meant the economy and employment were on the top and the environment and all who sail on/in it were consigned to the meagrest of acknowledgement and mitigating and remedial forestry harvesting prescriptions.
The forests of NSW are now in the sorry state they are.

Wingham Forest Action is of the opinion, held for about 25 years now,
that logging MUST STOP in our public Native Forests,
that a fair but short transition period must attempt to find jobs and retraining for forestry workers,
that considering it costs the taxpayer \$1280/Ha to log our forests there is no sound economic logic to continue,
that the environmental advantages of keeping forests in the ground viz a viz climate change mitigation is an accepted scientific fact and as such it makes no logical environmental sense to keep on logging,
that NSW Forest Corp has lost its social licence to continue logging our forests,
that ForestCorp’s claims of sustainable logging practices, environmental protection for all species, etc is, and always was, a load of hooey and this is our chance to stop it and give the forest, and therefore us, a better chance of surviving the impacts of human-made climate change.

Thankyou for considering this submission.

Jane Watson for Wingham Forest Action