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#### My comments

This is a hurried expression of concern regarding the draft Private Native Forestry Codes of Practice, as I only heard about them today (18th May 2020)

Firstly, following on from the devastating bushfires which damaged and killed so much native vegetation across the State of NSW, I believe that it would be in order to cease all logging until a thoroughgoing audit of what survives is carried out. We know that many important native animal species have lost vast swathes of habitat and while everyone thinks of the koalas which have been seriously affected, there are many arboreal creatures such as the various possums and gliders as well as the less cute snakes and insects that have been killed or affected negatively through loss of food and shelter species.

I am horrified that Private Native Forestry operations can be carried out with no assessment of the area/s to be destroyed, other than self-assessment by those who will benefit from the logging. There needs to be proper oversight of all logging by credible authorities. Even if logging is to be allowed there needs to be a final ecological survey done as before work begins as many animals and birds move around. The Codes of Practice need to describe all forest species that might be present at any time.

Areas must be properly mapped showing all EECs, rainforest, old-growth forest etc. and buffer zones, and bushfire refuge areas - which must not be logged. All creek lines need a substantial exclusion zone - including for ephemeral streams and wet areas.

Major old hollow-bearing trees and also feed trees such as flowering gums must be protected. Large trees of all species must be protected, and all species of shrub needs to be identified for its value as food and shelter.

Weed control and pest animal control must also be carried out.

It has been suggested to me that a process such as a development application needs to be applied to areas that may be logged for Private Native Forestry. This would give the local people a warning prior to the logging of areas. Full environmental assessments should be required before large-scale clearing occurs.

I am making this submission as an individual who has been a Landcare volunteer for more than 20 years.

Yours faithfully,

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