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Submission on Draft Codes of Practice for Private Native Forests

Caldera Environment Centre based in Murwillumbah surrounded by World Heritage listed Rainforest does not support native forest logging private or public and is frustrated that the commitment to transition to sourcing exclusively plantation grown timber has not materialised. It is glaringly apparent that the native forests left are far more valuable for the ecosystem services they provide. Whether private or public the benefits that forests provide go far beyond their respective land boundaries.

With regard to the proposed codes the most problematic are the change to riparian exclusion and buffer areas and the reduction in feed trees. Riparian corridors need to be 20 mts either side of the stream and under no circumstance accessed by machinery. The inclusion of dead trees to provide hollows should not be a substitute for live.

The insistence that written permission from the landholder is the only avenue for any independent oversight is unacceptable. Landholders are the custodians of our collective natural heritage and more scrutiny is needed. There's no guarantee that the LLS will have the resources to monitor adherence to the PNF guidelines.

If logging is going to occur there should be a thorough assessment of the resource and the most value that can be realised. There's no recognition of the diminishing nature of this resource and any requirement that it's value be fully recognised. Landholders should have to prepare a DA and their application be publicly available. Credible fauna surveys need also to be carried out. Authorities should consider a bond to ensure the after care takes place ie – effective regeneration.

CEC would like to see approaches made to landholders of critical habitat to consider other options and ultimately landholders compensated for conserving forests realising their worth to all of us.

Regards Cynthia Brook (secretary)