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# Private native forestry review

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**scott sledge** <[redacted]> Sat, Jan 26, 2019 at 5:12 PM
To: pnf.info@lls.nsw.gov.au, [redacted]

Hello,

I represent the Northern Rivers Guardians, Inc. which has made submissions and appeared for the public at 2 different "consultations" in Lismore during 2018.

I got the impression that "consultation was more of a sham process to say it was done, rather than any genuine concern about reform of IFOAs or concerns about renewal of RFAs in NSW.

And sure enough, the renewals/reforms recently announced for NSW seem to be skewed towards favour for an outdated forestry industry and are out of touch with community desires to protect native flora and fauna.

The protection of the biosphere is more urgent than ever, so we hope that elections due early this year for NSW and C'wealth governments will open up new channels to reverse the destructive directions set by the logging industry and the bureaucracy which enables it.

I see no point in making any further comments until there is a more reasonable attitude towards protection of habitats and wildlife corridors.

I copy below some concerns raised in submissions by the EDO. Mostly I hope for a change to more responsible monitoring and requirements for protecting valuable habitats.

Sincerely,
Scott Sledge
NRG President
26 January 2019
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The Review is currently seeking public comment on matters identified in the PNF Review Terms of Reference. Submissions will be received until 31 January 2019. There will be an opportunity to provide additional feedback on revised draft PNF Codes of Practice later in the year.

EDO NSW has prepared a submission to the PNF Review, which you can download here.

We make a number of recommendations for strengthening the rules around private native forestry to improve environmental outcomes, including recommendations for:

- Strengthening objects for private native forestry in line with principles for ecologically sustainable forestry management;
- Increasing rigour and transparency in making PNF Codes of Practice;
- Ensuring that PNF Codes of Practice adopt stringent environmental standards and protect environmentally sensitive land and threatened species from the impacts of logging;
- Improving accountability and oversight in making PNF plans; and
- Mandating robust monitoring and compliance of forestry operations.