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Re Private Native Forestry Codes of Practice my comments follow: I am appalled that our Govt permitted logging to resume in fire damaged forests of NSW, despite warnings that devastated bushland & endangered wildlife are too fragile to withstand further logging. Newly released documents from NSW Govt logging agency -Forestry Corporation revealed that 85% of harvestable native hardwood forests in the Sth Coast were burnt to the ground...gone. Despite this loggers and supply contractors (documents released during parliamentary budget estimates) said that they were 'optimistic' that they can supply entitlements ? They must have been assured of this prior to the general public being informed of what 'was' to happen re logging approvals & their attempts to get their hands on "salvage timbers". As NSW MP Justin Field said the Govt is acting like the devastating fires NEVER happened. The communities concerned are devastated to see logging return to burnt and unburnt forests. Does this matter to the Govt elected ?

NSW Env "Protection" Agency maps show approx 92% of the area set for logging was burnt in the fires-PLEASE EXPLAIN ? This says everything about the unsustainability (historically & recently) in relation to the desperation of logging companies to find new sources of timber. If they had managed forests responsibly & sustainably abiding by some (at least some) ecological principles the forestry industry wouldn't be this desperate to access so called 'salvage timber'. Salvage logging is a nightmare & will destroy existing wildlife that have somehow managed to survive. After ALL of this destruction, your Govt is prepared to inflict further destruction and misery.

Climate scientists/ecologists/biologists/wildlife specialists/fire experts / environmentalists and the like ALL know that 'salvage logging' increases future fire risks after bushfires, damages soil & waterways and kills wildlife.....but why listen to the scientists when so much pressure is coming from the Forestry Industry & related contractors ?? The only people denying this are those in Govt or from NSW Forestry Corporation or Vicforests. Speaking of which to read the comments from Ms Monique Dawson who claims otherwise highlights her subjective position & bias. Ms Dawson has criticised the internationally regarded & one of the world's most cited forest ecologists Professor David Lindenmayer, stating that she does not accept his evidence and his authority. What science would she accept ?

Such comments from those with a vested interest & lack of scientific knowledge or qualifications exemplifies her prejudice and antagonism to the facts. I firmly believe that current environmental legislation is inadequate /draconian and benefits Forestry Corporations (private or Govt) rather than ensuring legitimate protection /or safety for the wildlife it is 'supposed' to represent.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION & related fauna & flora guidelines have been hijacked by vested interests. This has forced a protracted debate & hostile battle between the general public who care deeply about our diminishing wildlife & the citizens who have been deeply impacted by these unprecedented fires and Government agencies , who still refuse to accept responsibility for much of the outcome. Many fire chiefs have been pleading for action on climate change & better resources , as these horrendous fires highlighted just how underfunded & disorganised govt agencies were. As so often happens the citizens & volunteers SAVED THE DAY. Co-ordination & communication was lacking between Govt Depts/ Govt Env Agencies and NPWS. Wildlife volunteer rescue groups testified to this. Resources, equipment, deployment, communication systems etc ALL NEED TO BE BETTER FUNDED & CO-ORDINATED. Many wildlife rescue groups & their members , receive little or NO funding. Not to mention Govt support or empathy. You must accept that as bushfire seasons worsens the effectiveness of hazard reduction diminishes. It is inconceivable to think that after catastrophic fires that we all have sadly witnessed, that your Govt is permitting (as we speak) logging in the North Coast of NSW where I live and many others (I'd say most people) are as disgusted & outraged as I am. FOR YOUR GOVT TO CLAIM THAT THEY CARE ABOUT OUR ICONIC KOALAS IS DAMN GALLING. Our endangered Koalas along with other native fauna ALL require a modicum of 'reasonable' habitat to survive in. There is NO point funding rehabilitation centres when you have destroyed their habitat in the first place. These animals need to be protected before they get to a rehab centre (hospital) as not only could these injuries be prevented but MOST Koalas for example, die once delivered into care. THESE ARE THE SAD FACTS as my experience has taught me as a volunteer at FOK (Lismore) and Bangalow Koalas. The major requirement /priority for the survival of our wildlife is to STOP LOGGING NATIVE FORESTS. YOU HAVE NO CREDIBILITY CLAIMING TO BE CONCERNED FOR KOALAS /OR FUNDING KOALA RESEARCH OR CARE CENTRES WHILE YOU CONTINUE TO ALLOW LOGGING IN THEIR HOMES. It is surely your responsibility to stand up to the pressure you have received from logging companies & contractors and represent the flora & fauna you are charged to administer /protect and ensure their long term survival. There has been a great deal of misinformation in regard to the 'need' for further logging of native forests and about the root causes of bushfires. Your Govt has been partly responsible for this & refuses to recognise that NO amount of 'hazard reduction' will prevent human loss of life, protect wildlife or save property....weather is the major contributory factor here which impacts on fuel load. In the vain attempt that your office will consider comments like mine, I am attaching further suggestions (attached below Critical Changes needed) re logging policies & ecological necessities required if & when logging occurs OUTSIDE native forests. I will not accept or endorse logging , no matter what the propaganda emanating delivers in respect of OUR native PUBLIC forests. These forests which are the only homes our wildlife have remaining (diminished as

they are) belong to the citizens of NSW and the fauna, not vested interests ie: logging corporations. TAX PAYERS CONTINUE TO SUBSIDIZE A DYING INDUSTRY DUE TO ITS MISMANAGEMENT/ ILLEGALITIES/LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY/REFUSAL TO BE TRANSPARENT/INABILITY TO ABIDE BY IT'S OWN RULES , GUIDELINES & LEGISLATION/ UNWILLINGNESS TO SEEK INDEPENDENT ADVICE OR INDEPENDENT INTELLECTUAL SCIENTIFIC INPUT ETC ETC The one thing that has changed over the decades finally, is that the general public is now much more aware , informed and angry.

CRITICAL CHANGES NEEDED FOR IMPLEMENTATION re Forestry logging

I believe that Private Native Forestry should require a Development Application like all other large developments to ensure full environmental assessments and to give the local community a chance to raise their concerns.

There must be surveys for threatened/ or endangered species before logging so they can be protected. Actually all wildlife should be protected as they ARE all threatened considering recent unprecedented bushfires & climate change & increased loss of habitat.

Local Land Services must ensure there is accurate and ecologically credible mapping and full protection for, Threatened Ecological Communities, rainforest, old growth forest, wetlands, heathlands, and rock outcrops, along with buffers.

At least 20m logging exclusions should be implemented around all streams, both mapped and unmapped.

Logging must be excluded from steep slopes over 25°.

All trees over 80cm diameter (dbh) must be protected.

Retained nectar feed trees must be large healthy mature trees.

The proposed increase in logging intensity must not proceed.

Clearfelling must not be allowed.

Weeds must be managed and regeneration assured.

ADDENDUM : Future planning for bushfire risk management in NSW recognise that climate change is now a major driver of increased bushfire danger and that further increases in global temperature are likely to increase the length and severity of fire season, restrict the window of opportunity for safe and effective hazard reduction burning and change the relative risk associated with bushfire events across NSW.

Government should recognise the body of scientific evidence that strongly specifies only very recently burned areas may reduce fire severity under extreme and catastrophic fire weather conditions. Under these conditions areas hazard reduced, particularly those treated over more than 1 year previously, are unlikely to provide substantial fire suppression benefits.

Hazard reduction burning should be undertaken strategically, with clear objectives for burns that show measurable benefits in reducing risk to identified assets. Hazard reduction burning programs aimed at meeting area treated based targets are of little benefit.

In closing fire “management” and proposed logging AFTER a fire event, especially as catastrophic as the fires between 2019-2020 can not be separated /ignored or dismissed. To consider and in fact begin logging in these now remnant & damaged native forests as you have decreed without public input, is unforgiveable, unscientific, incomprehensible and dispassionate in the extreme.

Signed : Lindy Stacker & family (Northern Rivers NSW)