

1. Environment – North Coast Region

The NSW government has recently announced its intention to drastically weaken the logging rules {Integrated Forestry Operations Approval - IFOA) to remove numerous protections for NSW's threatened species, koalas, old growth & rainforest and waterways. I call upon you to stop proceeding with these draconian changes and:

1. Recognise that the Regional Forest Agreements have failed to deliver environmental protection or industry security.
2. Recognise that the benefits of non-timber forest values are vital for the future of regional economies and ecosystems.
3. Establish the Great Koala National Park as an immediate priority.
4. Commit to a just transition out of native forest logging on public land and the transfer of public forests to protected areas when the RFAs expire.
5. Ensure that public forests are managed for the public good (ie: tourism, environmental repair, carbon sequestration and storage, wildlife habitat and provision of clean, abundant water)
6. Stop planning to log areas protected as habitat for threatened species, Koalas, old growth forest, rainforest and stream buffers.
7. Stop increasing logging intensity and legalising clearfell logging along the North Coast of NSW.
8. Stop propping up the rapacious native forest logging industry at the cost of species extinction, logging dieback, reduced stream flows and water quality decline and sustainable forest based jobs.
9. End the logging of public native forest and complete the transition of the timber industry to 100% plantations sourcing.
10. Transfer all existing subsidies from native forest logging into native forest restoration.

I will be closely monitoring your performance in these areas and taking further action if I do not see an immediate marked improvement in outcomes for our forests.