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Subject: Submission: RFA review and extension

As a person who takes a strong interest in conservation in NSW, I am writing in response to consultation on the NSW Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs) and support the position of the NSW National Parks Association calling for a proper review of the RFAs and to oppose the mere rolling over of the agreements.

Since coming to power in the Commonwealth and NSW, the coalition governments have cut back government spending for the environment and allowed many slipshod practices to emerge. The changes to the Biodiversity and Native Vegetation legislation, while consolidating some of the good work done by previous governments, have led to confusion about the NSW government's commitment to biodiversity. I am aware of some NSW Forestry practices which have ignored some important biodiversity requirements in carrying out their work. It is time to have a dispassionate review of what has occurred in the life of the agreements as was the original intention.

The NSW NPA has put forward a strong case why this should occur. Personally I am not able to say that I support each of their arguments, as I am not as aware of the issues as they are. However, their arguments should be reviewed and only a proper review can do this.

I confirm that my submission does not contain sensitive information and can be published in full on the Environment Protection Authority and/or the Department of Primary Industries website.

I understand that the Environment Protection Authority, Department of Primary Industries and/or the independent reviewer may contact me about my submission.

Yours faithfully, Geoff Robertson [REDACTED] Australian Capital Territory, [REDACTED]

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