

The extension of the NSW RFA in its present format would be a grave error of judgement. There is no economic benefit to SE NSW as it operates; very few individuals are directly employed, the costs to roads and infrastructure, deterioration of water quality due to erosion after clearing, impact on climate change, interrupted carbon sequestration, and the actual income from the timber products result in total costs that far outweigh perceived benefits. Other unquantifiable losses include flora and fauna species diversity, and undermining of Aboriginal cultural links.

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