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Attention: NSW Regional Forest Agreements

Current RFAs in NSW should only be renewed if:-

- 1) Improved monitoring put into place, followed by prompt action. Lack of accountability together with lack of transparency will lead to failure.
- 2) Areas where forestry is non-viable without Government support should be considered for transfer to National Parks.
- 3) The value of the timber is not the only parameter that needs to be considered. The full value of our forests must be taken into account, including biodiversity, soil conservation, soil water absorption capacity, carbon absorption, quality of water running off site into water catchment, etc.
- 4) Wildlife corridors of functional size are put into place linking forests and National Parks to allow wildlife movement.
- 5) Present unrealistic wood supply contracts leading to overlogging in some areas need to be addressed.

I include a submission cover sheet.

Yours sincerely,