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[Remake of the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals Submission](#)

We are alarmed by the changes proposed in the NSW Government discussion paper on the remake of the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operation Approvals as the proposed changes represent a substantial reduction in environmental protection and a serious threat to our native forests, wildlife and water courses.

The truth of the matter is the government's stated commitment to maintaining timber supply from our public native forests at current levels is incompatible with the long term protection of their environmental values. Current timber supply commitments are known to be unsustainable – for many years this has been known, failure to address this issue will result in severe impacts on biological diversity and forest health. Or is the government simply trying to avoid having to pay Boral for not being able to provide them with the timber they have been promised.

Removing the requirement to conduct pre-logging surveys for threatened species and habitat features will place those species at risk. Surveys for threatened plants and animals, and the identification of required exclusion areas, need to be undertaken independently of the Forestry Corporation

The prohibition on logging on steeply sloping land (above 30 degrees) has been in place for decades. Removing this important environmental protection will increase soil erosion and water pollution, promote weed invasion and threaten landscape scale wildlife corridors.

We are appalled by the NSW Government's decision to seek advice on forestry regulation from the Tasmanian Forest Practices Authority. The logging industry in Tasmania has a deplorable track record on forest management and their practices should not be allowed in our state.

The proposal to remove conditions limiting logging intensity and extent opens the way for an intensification of logging and widespread clearfelling of our native forests. Clearfelling should not be allowed in our native forests.

The discussion paper does not adequately address important factors in maintaining forest health over time, including management of invasive weeds and forest dieback. Logging is promoting weeds and tree dieback and these must be controlled.

We are strongly opposed to the proposed changes, and call on the NSW Government to abandon this ill-considered plan to weaken protection for our native forests and wildlife.

Yours Sincerely

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