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9 July, 1996

The Manager
North Coast Environment Council Inc
C/- J Tedder Pavans Road
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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your recent application for credit facilities with this Company. We appreciate the opportunity of being of service to you and are pleased to advise that your account has been approved with a credit limit of \$.

Your Account Number is B40627.

Please note that our terms of trading are strictly 30 days net.

We define thirty days as payment to be made on or before the last working day of the month following that in which services are invoiced.

If you have any queries regarding your account, please do not hesitate to contact either your Account Manager or the Credit Department.

We look forward to a long, happy and mutually beneficial trading relationship.

Yours faithfully,

**JEANETTE LYNCH,
CREDIT CONTROLLER.**

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(Conversation with Lisa Ogle EDO 12 July)

Asked 16 July Sue Russell in NCC office to
obtain material and give to EDD



Dear Society Member

Bin End Sale. Definitely your best time to buy.

Our bin end sales are rare, but they offer you and other Society Members the biggest savings of the year. With many wines as low as \$4.50 a bottle there is great and genuine value to be had.

In the accompanying brochure you'll find various wines and beers listed. Some are restricted to phone orders only, others can be ordered by mail, fax or phone. I've ensured that instructions are clearly marked above each section. In the "phone only" section you are able to choose straight case lots from the wines listed, or if you wish, you can make up your own mixed dozens by selecting a minimum of 3 bottles each of various varieties.

I'm sure you'll appreciate that being bin ends there are not great quantities of the wines, so quick decisions are required.

The beer on offer is New Amsterdam - what many New Yorkers call their finest. It is a hand-crafted beer that has as much character and complexity as some of the world's finest wines. If you haven't experienced these yet, now is an opportunity not to miss. Especially as you'll be saving \$22.20 per carton of 24 bottles.

Save up to \$57 a case on the Prepacked Mixed Dozens.

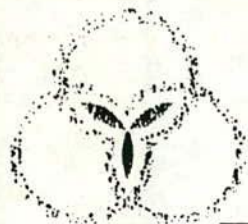
In addition there are 6 pre-packed mixed dozens. All offer you major savings. They start at \$5.50 per bottle. These include older vintages, export lines and some popular drink-now varieties. They can be ordered by mail, fax or phone.

These sales offer great opportunities for our Members to make major savings, so seize the day and enjoy the benefits for months to come.

Kindest regards

Julie Peters

PS: Winners of the Premium Gold Medal Dozen from our May competition: Congratulations go to Mr W Garrett of Paddington NSW, Mr P Wem of Turrumurra NSW, Dr S McLean of Mount Nelson TAS, Dr C Elliott of Northgate QLD, Mrs Y Barnes of Kyle Bay NSW, Dr K Hales of Unanderra NSW and Mr K Tunnicliffe of Roseville NSW.



NORTH COAST ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL INC.

MEDIA RELEASE

NCEC SLAMS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DECISION ON EXPORT WOODCHIPS

The 1 million tonnes extra granted for 4 months of this year means an annual increase of 57% over the 5.25 billion tonnes already allowed.

This is at a time when the Forest Industry is restructuring to value add and improve operations to lessen its impact on native forests in NSW under the RACAC IAP currently out for public comment.

Increasing export woodchip allowances is increasing the export of jobs from Australia said Terry Parkhouse President of the North Coast Environment Council Inc. Small sawmillers will not benefit from the increase of export woodchips.

It also contradicts the National Forest Policy because it will impact on areas needed for a Comprehensive and Adequate Reserve System.

This was the Federal Government's first Environmental test and it has failed miserably. We will be seeking legal advice as to our options for challenging the decision.

For further information contact Terry Parkhouse 065 690771

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The Editor
Australian Plants
PO Box
PADSTOW 2211

Dear Editor,

Conserving Biodiversity

Please refer to the excellent article by W.H.Payne et al in the March 96 edition

It is a pity that there was such a negative emphasis on "greenies" whoever they may be and "action groups" lead by a loud mouth. The conservation movement is made up of people from all walks of life and all ages. The term "greenies" was a derogatory term used by people who had no concern about what our life styles are doing to the planet. But many in the conservation movement were quite happy to adopt the term in the same way that some have adopted the other term "green extremist".

These action groups lead by dedicated people were the ones who suffered arrest, abuse, cold, and isolation to see that the Franklin was not dammed and that some at least of the remaining old growth forests so essential for the conserving of many species of birds and mammals will we hope, be saved.

Surely we are aware that Governments take little notice of letters and submissions when action proposed by these threaten employment, industry, or the Ministers plans. Many land holders have begun to appreciate that native vegetation is essential on the farm in some degree but then the reaction to the Native Vegetation State Environmental Planning Policy 46, not just by individual farmers but the NSW Farmers Association reveals that the change in attitude of many landholders is barely skin deep. A recent survey of Land Care Groups have shown that only a minority are full time farmers and though I am normally an optimist I think the figures quoted on page 276 of the article as to how quickly we could convert all farmers is "pie-in the sky". It is the same with Governments and their Departments. There are a lot of unbelievers out there and it requires more than a "leader" or a visit to the Prime Minister.

That is why the "objectable greenies" who having tried submissions, letters, petitions, scientific arguments and the Court system have at times resorted to passive demonstrations to bring the message not only to Government but to the public. The media unfortunately is not interested in the scientific argument as to why old growth is important or that less intensive logging would lead to better sawlogs and a future for the native forest logging industry. They want action with people, dressed in a style different to the rest of the community, being dragged off by the police. That is the only way that the public can be

DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN (DRP)

AND / OR

BONUS SHARE PLAN (BSP) VARIATION FORM

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PLEASE NOTE:

1. This Form should be completed only if you wish to change/vary your participation in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan (DRP) and/or the Bonus Share Plan (BSP).
2. To complete the Form correctly only one of the questions set out below needs to be answered.
(a) Question 1 or 2 for FULL DRP or BSP participation, or
(b) Question 3,4,5 or 6 for PARTIAL participation in the DRP and/or the BSP.
3. To ensure participation in the DRP or BSP this correctly completed form should be returned to: Boral Limited C/- Coopers and Lybrand, Locked Bag 14, Sydney South, NSW 2000. The form must be received prior to 5.00pm on books closing date for the relevant dividend.

YOUR CURRENT PARTICIPATION IS

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IMPORTANT

- (A) No action is required, and this form does not need to be completed, if you do not wish to change your current participation.
(B) If you do wish to change your current participation, please ensure you select **only one** of the following choices.

1 If **FULL DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN ("DRP")** participation is required, insert "FULL" in this box.

2 If **FULL BONUS SHARE PLAN ("BSP")** participation is required, insert "FULL" in this box.

3 **PARTIAL DRP/CASH**
Insert the number of shares you would like to participate in DRP. The dividend on the balance (if any) will be paid automatically in cash.

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BALANCE IN CASH

4 **PARTIAL DRP/BSP**
Insert the number of shares you would like to participate in BSP. The dividend on the balance (if any) will be issued automatically in DRP shares.

BALANCE IN DRP

5 **PARTIAL DRP/BSP/CASH**
Insert the number of shares you would like to participate in DRP and the number you would like to participate in BSP. The dividend on the balance (if any) will be paid automatically in cash.

BALANCE IN CASH

6 **PARTIAL BSP/CASH**
Insert the number of shares you would like to participate in BSP. The dividend on the balance (if any) will be paid automatically in cash.

BALANCE IN CASH

7 **TERMINATION**
If you wish to Terminate your BSP or DRP Participation and receive a full cash dividend, insert "**TERMINATE**" in this box.

To have correctly completed this form and made a valid election, only one question should have been answered.

I/We agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Dividend Reinvestment Plan or Bonus Share Plan or both Plans (as the case may be) in respect of my/our nomination to participate in the relevant Plan or Plans. I/We hereby authorise Boral Limited to apply my/our dividend payments in respect of the shares nominated by me/us in accordance with the terms and conditions stipulated during my/our participation in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan or Bonus Share Plan or both Plans (as the case may be).

Please Sign: _____

I/We acknowledge that I/we may vary or terminate my/our participation in the Dividend Reinvestment Plan or Bonus Share Plan or both Plans (as the case may be) in writing at any time in accordance with the terms and conditions of the relevant Plan.

NOTE: This form is not valid unless signed. In the case of joint holdings, all holders must sign. Companies may sign under seal or by a Director, Secretary or other authorised person clearly stating his/her status.

Telephone Number: _____

Date: _____

Please provide a telephone number so that we may reach you during business hours if we have any questions about this form.

CORRECTLY COMPLETED AND SIGNED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:
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alerted to what is happening to their natural resources.

It is unfortunate that society moves this way so why not try and counter this tendency of seeing the "greenies" dressed in strange garments as just another ratbag action group

seeking publicity . Point out that these people are just as concerned about conservation as you are and are really at the cutting edge of the push to save our resources.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J.L.O. Tedder', written in a cursive style.

James L.O. Tedder

Hon. Sec. 30 May 96



THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY

March, 1996

Dear Member,

Regardless of your political persuasion, as a member of this Society, I trust we agree that clear-felled forests and woodchipping are no real sign of progress. But as you know, too many people still believe that our native forests are expendable resources to exploit for short term profits.

Unfortunately, many of these people hold positions of power in Government and in big business. At worst, they just don't care. At best, they simply don't understand.

I know you have faith in our ability to convince these decision makers that the wilderness is our wilderness and must be protected at all costs but we cannot win alone nor without adequate funds. We simply must have more financial help which is why I write to you today.

You know we don't win every battle but we are winning the war as recent publicity has shown. Government parties of all persuasions want to win our support. Yes, lobbying costs money so I write risking offence, asking for your support. But if I dared not ask, would you still give?

This then, is all we ask of you. First, wear the bumper sticker proudly. Second, pick up your pen and make a donation in support of The Wilderness Society.

How much to give is for you to decide. But as a guide, is \$50 not too much to help us preserve our wilderness. If you can give more, we'll be especially grateful.

And remember, because gifts (unlike membership fees) are tax deductible, you might feel more generous knowing the government is a contributor in direct proportion to the gift you give. Together, we can make a difference.

Yours for Wilderness everywhere,

Kevin Parker
National Director
KP/MEM

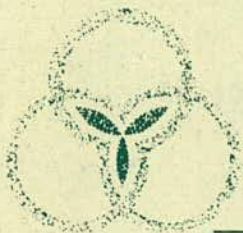
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The Editor

Dear Editor,

Your correspondent Mr. Scott Barnes of 18 July may be fairly widely read in history but the same cannot be said of his knowledge of ecology.

It is well known that travellers in a strange land often interpret it in terms that they are familiar with so the English tended to see open woodland and sweet pastures particularly if that is what they were also searching for. And many Australia explorers were seeking that kind of country to feed the colony and to reap any reward that might be on offer.

If the explorers were correct and "there were no such forests as now cover vast areas of our country" how is it that so many of the old growth forest trees have been carbon dated to hundreds and in case of some brush boxes thousands of years in age? How is it that in 1788 it was estimated by numbers of scientists that 13% only of the continent was forested and in 1996 the area covered by forests is only 7% - hardly vast areas?

There are many forest types. A quick glance at a State Forest map will show at least twenty and botanists will categorise even more. So what forest types did our explorers see? When some forest types are left undisturbed for many years the understorey thins out and it becomes almost "parklike". In other forest types - the wetter ones - rainforest species come in and form an understorey and eventually as the eucalyptus die out the rainforest becomes dominant.

Certainly the Aboriginal people changed the landscape by burning but this did not occur over all parts otherwise there would be no rainforest.

Suffice to say that the forests of Australia are very complex and quoting a few explorers to generalise on what was and should be now does not help the debate very much.

Yours faithfully

James L.O. Tedder
Hon. Sec.

23 July 96

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NORTH COAST ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL INC.

The Editor

The Macleay Argus is not facing up to facts or the future .It accepts almost without question that the socio economic report prepared for RACAC is correct and the final word on the future of the Macleay . It claims that the timber quota cuts have been caused by years of transferring resources into national parks .That Kempsey has little or no control over its future The only thing right with the editorial of the 5 July is to ask the community to wake up.

Ask any of the "Old timers" of the timber industry how many mills in the Macleay shut down because of timber shortages before the term national park was known in the Macleay. Most will point out ~~that~~ the timber has been cut out except for the remaining small old growth areas -and how much longer will they last ? Discounting Willi Willi national park which has only just been proclaimed mainly over unloggable land (according to the State Forest maps) what other timber resources have been taken into national parks in the Macleay ? Some in Kunderang brook perhaps and parts of Werrikimbe after it was logged.

There have been techniques and equipment in existence for some years to handle small logs from re-growth forests. How many mills in the Macleay have attempted to re-equip ? Some operators have changed over to new techniques such as the small miller who now dresses and sells re-cycled timber ? Have the Macleay people protested against the small logs -often pallet logs- which go down the highway to the chipper to be exported as wood chips ?

The conservation movement on the North Coast backs a viable local timber industry but it must be based on an ecologically sustainable resource. If the industry does not restructure retrain and re-equip it will have no future. If the timber quotas were not cut ; if there were no new reserves ; how much longer could the present industry last ? How much longer would the remaining old growth forests last ? Remember the Forest Commission in 1979 told the Senate Standing Committee on Trade and Commerce that they expected there would be no hardwood timber by about this time ,that the re-growth forest would not be ready and that is why the Commission had planted the soft wood plantations.

Like all industries and most societies change seems to be inevitable so the Macleay has to adapt; not try to become a fortress and resist. And the Government is providing funds for this change unlike it does for most industries which have to change.

Yours faithfully

James L.O. Tedder

James L.O. Tedder Hon. Sec, 8 July 96

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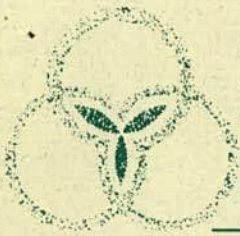
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NORTH COAST ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL INC.

NEWS RELEASE

12 July 96

Neither economic nor environmental sense was the way the President of the North Coast Environment Council Terry Parkhouse described the Federal Governments woodchip decision

At a time when the NSW Government is attempting to drag the timber industry into the present by managing the forests sustainably and value adding to the products ,the Federal Government is allowing the export of jobs in the form of raw timber product ie woodchips.

The Unions are being led by the industry in thinking that more jobs are to be created by this increase in woodchip exports. The statistics show otherwise. In 1960 there were 20,000 employed in the timber industry excluding the paper industry, the joinery and veneer production industries. There were only 15,000 employed in 1980 . And of this total only some 500 are employed directly in the woodchip industry.

The woodchip industry has been accused time and time again by small millers and timber workers ,particularly on the south coast and in Gippsland that the companies have deliberately favoured woodchipping at the expence of the sawlogging by down grading logs,deliberately damaging sawlogs so they end up in the chipper and other nefarious practices. In 1995 round wood production in Australia was 10 million cubic metres but finished hardwood timber was 1.65 ^{million} cubic metres. That is a huge proportion of our timber production being exported as woodchips.

It is also at great cost to the Australian tax payer. The total income from timber royalties in 1994 is in the order of \$110 million (excluding WA and SA) of which only \$25 million come from woodchips. It has been calculated that the Governments spend some \$250 million to support the forest industry. So we are subsidising the export of our forests in the form of woodchips.

Sawmillers Export P/L were issued in December 95 with a licence to export from the North Coast up to 500,000 tons of woodchips made up of saw mill waste and round wood. Logging residues and silvicultural residues can only be used when supplies of sawmill wastes are fully utilised. This licence was the same quantity as the previous year yet the export has not exceeded 350,000. There are saw mills from the south to Grafton where there are saw mill wastes being burnt every day. Why are they not being collected for export. The claim by Boral's manager Mr. Day that this increase in export quota will allow the industry to take the heads of trees now left lying in the forests is refuted by the specifications issued by Boral for the types of logs suitable for chipping .These specifications are for logs that many of the small mills use for production of pallets and other useful products.

Small mills produce up to 60% sawn timber from a log , some of the larger mills produce only 35% - the rest of the log is woodchipped .It is easier

and more profitable than spending time and labour to produce value added products.

The Federal Government has laid down no conditions on the export of woodchips except that the export after 2000 will not be permitted from areas where there are no Regional Forest Agreements .What happened to the early demands that the Eden area woodchips would have to be processed into pulp within seven years after the first exports began ? Now the last large saw mill in that area has closed so the whole of the industry in that part of the south coast is driven by woodchip.

Why is there no demand from Government that within two years there must be processing plants established to deal with these so called saw mill wastes and thinnings ?

for further information

Terry Parkhouse	065	690 771
James Tedder	065	690 802

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NEWS RELEASE



IS THE FOREST ASSOCIATION A MODERN RIP VAN WINKLE

The suggestion from Mr. Col Dorber of the Forest Association for the greens to work with them to solve the present timber supply problems has to be seen in the light of earlier attempts by the conservation movement to alert the community to the coming timber shortage said Mr. James Tedder Hon. Sec. of the North Coast Environment Council.

The Industry is trying to persuade the community that the present timber shortage is a direct result of the move to reserve more areas of forest. This is absolute rubbish and is deliberately misleading or else the industry has been asleep for the last twenty years. In 1979 the Forest Commission gave evidence to the Senate Standing Committee to the effect that the Commission knew that the forests were being overcut and that about 1994-97 all the old growth forests would be cut out and it would be 15-40 years before the re-growth forests would be ready. Meanwhile the industry would be able to survive on the softwood plantation.

Neither the industry or the Commission did anything to prepare the community for this situation. The Commission allowed cutting on steep country, tried to extract more timber than was possible and blamed shortages on the conservation movement.

The RACAC report makes recommendations for the cutting of quota sawlogs. These logs go to only a few mills. Many of the more efficient mills are the small mills which are locally owned and operated and do not get quota sawlogs - or very rarely. These mills are not going to be affected too much by these cuts and they employ nearly half the labour force. Many small mills produce 60% timber from a log whereas some of the larger ones produce 35% and woodchip the rest for export.

The North Coast Environment Council is opposed to the export of woodchips as it is the export of jobs. Many of the logs that are chipped are the feedstock for the small mills and part of the generous compensation package to help the industry can be used in re-equipping the mills to handle small logs which are now chipped.

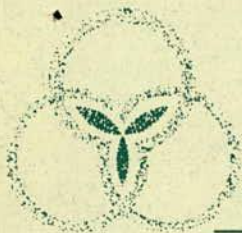
Australia's record for the extinction of plants and animals is one of the worse in the world and there is need if this record is not to become even more disastrous to provide larger forest reserves. The conservation movement on the North Coast is not prepared to see the extinction of more plants and animals to allow the timber industry to have a year or two of cutting out the last of the old growth.

We strongly support a local timber industry - one that is locally owned and efficient but it must be based on ecologically sustainable forest practises and we have always been willing to work with industry and Government to bring this about. The very generous compensation package provided by the Government to retrain, relocate employees is something that most other people who lose their jobs are not given.

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NEWS RELEASE

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WILDERNESS ADDITIONS WELCOMED

The proposed additions to the wilderness areas of Werrikimbe, Oxley-Wild Rivers, New England, Guy Fawkes, Washpool and Bindery -Mann are welcomed by the North Coast Environment Council Inc. said James Tedder, Hon. Sec.

There has been a lot of hysteria mostly voiced by local Members of Parliament who claim all sorts of disadvantages will result to the nearby towns and members of the public. However the Nymboida Shire Council actively supports the wilderness proposals in its area. It sees that there may be economic benefits to the community in the long term as further opportunities for eco-tourism ventures may arise in areas adjacent to these wilderness areas.

Mr. Tedder said that in the South Island of New Zealand the large wilderness areas of the Fiord and Aspiring National Parks were attracting increasing numbers of overseas visitors particularly from Europe. They appreciated the wilderness even if some only picnicked on the edge or stopped their car at the lookout points. We appear to have made very little attempt to attract such visitors to this part of the world. Instead we have politicians claiming that the public will be shut out and that they will not be able to enjoy the area, which is a very negative approach.

Mr. Tedder points out that the protection of these areas in wilderness zones will also protect water supplies and ensure that our rivers have at least some sources which are free of possible pollution and will continue to flow in times of drought.

The public has until 6 July to write to the National Park Service to support these additions to the wilderness areas and we urge people to do so.

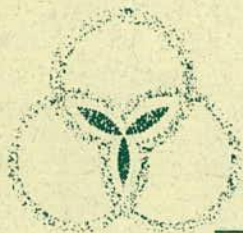
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NEWS RELEASE 25 June 96 FORESTRY JOB LOSS

The loss of a possible 400 jobs or even one job from the timber industry is a tragedy said James Tedder Hon.Sec. of the North Coast Environment Council.

But before blaming the proposed reserve system it should be recalled that the Forest Management authorities were well aware of this possibility in 1979 and really from 1950s.

In giving evidence to the Senate Standing Committee for Commerce and Industry in 1979 the then Forestry Commission said the forests were being cut above their sustainable level and by about 1994-1997 all the old growth would be cut out and the re growth forests would not be ready for another 15-40 years. The Commission said it had foreseen this cutting out of resources in 1954 and set up the exotic softwood plantations to tide the industry over the period between the end of the old growth logging and and the availability of the re-growth hardwood forests.

Most of the " old timers " of the timber industry and many mill owners saw this shortage coming before any talk of new reserves or national parks and got out of the industry.

There are unfortunately people losing their jobs every day as industries change patterns and locations but few of these people are given the help that the Government is offering to the timber industry in the form of relocation, retraining and the upgrading of mills to handle small logs and value adding.

Even with a 70% cut in log allocation to accommodate new reserves there will still be an industry on the North Coast and hopefully the small mills will have an important role to play as they are often the most efficient producers of timber.

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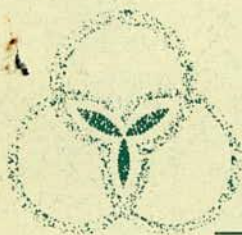
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FAUNA STUDY OF MURWILLUMBAH FORESTS MUST BE READ CAREFULLY

31 May 96

Read the Murwillumbah Fauna survey by CSIRO more carefully says the President of the North Coast Environment Council Terry Parkhouse to the Shadow Minister for Forests Mr. Page.

The Opposition spokesman on forest matters Mr. Don Page has been trying to make political capital out of the study done by the CSIRO on the forests of the Murwillumbah management area. He claims that forestry practices have been shown by this study to "create a more diverse region".

But as the Chief of the Wildlife Division Dr. Braithwaite has said on several radio interviews, care has to be taken in interpreting the data. It is also wise to remember that this study is not necessarily an independent study as CSIRO was engaged by State Forests and with the Commonwealth cutting funds for such organisations as the CSIRO so they are forced to seek commercial work with all that implies.

In 1989 Dr. Braithwaite was a co-author of a study on birds in the Eucalyptus forest on the South Coast. That study said that "forest management directed to timber production reduces the basal area and the number of dead trees and may therefore reduce bird species richness permanently".

In the present study it is acknowledged that a comparison of logged versus unlogged environments is rendered difficult within the State Forest because of the disturbance history. It was only possible to sample one old growth area and that was Blackbutt Plateau now part of Mt Jerusalem National Park. In that particular area "some schedule 12 species were found in greatest abundance". Another quote from the report is "Therefore we just do not know what the fauna values were like in unlogged forests." Except of course for Mt Jerusalem. So it is not possible to claim that logging has no effect or a beneficial effect on the fauna. Most of the study sites were in areas which have not been logged for some years and which have a wide range of well developed vegetation types. It appears that areas of gap clearing, integrated logging or similar destructive modern logging practices were not sampled.

Reading of chapter 4 of the study reveals that logging is not benign as Mr. Page is trying to claim. Here are listed all the birds on the threatened list and their habitat requirements. Many of these require hollows in trees and these are only available in old growth forest. So the study says in commenting on the Glossy Black Cockatoo "forest management and operations in such forest will impact on it". Another requirement of the bird is the fruit of the Allocasuarina trees. These trees are slow to grow and when an area is cut blackbutt crowd them out. Also in many forest management operations these trees are removed to be replaced by blackbutt. The same story applies to the Powerful owl, the Masked owl, the Marbled Frogmouth, Alberts Lyrebird, the Eastern Bristlebird and others.

The same story is seen in the chapter on ground dwelling and aboreal mammals. The greatest abundance of schedule 1 & 2 of the Threatened Species Act 1995 species were found in the least disturbed forests. The study says that the future of the Spotted-tailed Quoll is threatened if loss of habitat continues due to clearing and possibly, disturbance associated with forest activities.

To claim that good forest management-what ever that means- is good for bio-diversity in the forests is certainly not supported by this study. Mr. Page should sit down and read this study more carefully before making such exaggerated claims.

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THE CLEVER COUNTRY FAILS THE GREENHOUSE TEST

The announcement by the Federal Government that it would not honour Australia's commitment on greenhouse gas emissions has been hailed with derision by the North Coast Environment Council. The Government said it would not honour the commitment by the previous Government to stabilise greenhouse gas emissions at 1990 levels by 2000 but would ask special treatment by the rest of the world.

According to the North Coast Environment Council President Terry Parkhouse the decision flies in the face of environmental sanity and is at odds with the economic rationalist approach of this Government. We are putting ourselves in the same position as some of the small developing nations who have neither the resources or the expertise that Australia has to be able to stabilise their greenhouse gas emissions. In fact we will become the laughing stock of the world.

It is ridiculous that Australia who is possibly the highest per capita producer of greenhouse gas emitters should seek exemption to a previous promise. The rest of the developed world where we have to compete is moving rapidly to energy efficiency and cleaner means of production while our industry claims it is too difficult and may cost some money to change to more modern methods of production.

We are being driven by large energy monopolies who wish to continue to sell coal and oil as that is a quick way to make money without too much thought. Australia has developed some of the most advanced solar water heaters and photovoltaic cells in the world but there is no rush by entrepreneurs to set up the factories to manufacture these for export to the world. At one time Japan had more solar water heaters than Australia and even today there are few houses with solar water heaters even in Queensland. Yet 25% of electric power on the domestic front is used to heat water and that amount of electric power contributes significantly by the power stations to greenhouse gas emissions.

The other field which contributes significantly to greenhouse gas emissions is transport. Not only does the private car contribute significantly to greenhouse gases but it costs the community huge resources in road construction, health costs and loss of land to the urban sprawl. The contribution of Governments in Australia towards improving public transport has been declining for years. The amount of money being spent on the Pacific highway by pass at Taree could have built extra passing loops on the rail line to double its capacity and take a lot of the long distance trucks off the road.

There has been very little in the way of funds for bicycle tracks. Yet by building direct tracks many people could be persuaded on health grounds alone to cycle to the rail station instead of always using the car.

Climate experts world wide now say there is no doubt that the world is being heated up by greenhouse gases, the sea level is already rising, that these processes can not be stopped but only slowed. Yet like King Canute followers our Government is prepared to ignore the

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rising sea levels so that we do not have to change . We shall certainly become a banana republic if we continue in such thinking and on the coast a very wet one.

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DRAFT MEDIA RELEASE
GREENHOUSE EMISSION LEVELS

The North Coast Environment Council hailed with derision yesterday's announcement by the Federal Government that it would not honour Australia's commitment on greenhouse gas emissions.

The government announced that it would not honour the commitment to stabilise greenhouse gas emissions at 1990 levels by the year 2000, but instead demand special treatment.

According to NCEC spokesperson, , the decision flies in the face of environmental sanity and is at odds with the government's rationalist economic ideals.

This decision by the Howard government will hold Australia up to ridicule. Not only is it environmental insanity, it is against the country's economic and trading interests.

While we run round bleating that Australia is some sort of special case requiring special treatment — that it is unreasonable and unfair to expect Australia to reduce greenhouse emissions — our competitors work hard to cut their use of energy.

Their goals of energy efficiency have something to do with greenhouse gas emissions and a great deal to do with economic efficiency and advantage.

Australia cannot allow itself to continue to be driven by large energy monopolies and by myopic business leaders.

It is increasingly obvious that Australia must become clever and efficient if it is to survive in the real world.

If this decision is an indication of the calibre of the government's thinking on serious environmental and economic questions then the next three years may prove to be grim indeed.

~~The republic that under Keating we were to have by the year 2000 will become a banana republic under Howard.~~

Climatologists world-wide tell us that the world's climate is already changing — that sea level is already rising. They tell us these changes cannot now be reversed — they can only be mitigated.

They also tell us that reduction in greenhouse gas emissions is absolutely necessary to mitigate the changes.

FAX MESSAGE

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James

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FROM: Peter Wrightson

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James,

Draft Press Release on the govt's
green house position attached!

You and Terry might think it
a bit strong so feel free to change
it.

I left the name of the spokesperson
out. I think myself Terry should be
the one-as president-but he might
not want to. Stick in who you
think most appropriate.

Regards

P. W.

Overcutting Causes Timber Crisis

Why does State Forests continue the fable that it will be the proposed new reserve systems which will cause the timber industry on the North Coast to virtually collapse and not the overcutting of the past forty years asked James Tedder the Hon., Secretary of the North Coast Environment Council.

Mr. Tedder was commenting on the report attributed to the District Forester at Grafton who said that a 70% cut in the resource through new reserves will lead to massive job losses. It is claimed that 67 compartments included in nominations for wilderness areas would provide 70% of its current wood supply on a sustainable basis for Casino and Grafton mills.

Yet in 1979 State Forests gave the following evidence to the Senate Standing Committee on Trade and Commerce

" The indigenous hardwood forests of NSW have been harvested for sawlogs since World War II at a rate generally higher than that which can be sustained indefinitely..... This overcutting situation was recognised by the Forest Commission at least 25 years ago (about 1954) and was a fundamental reason behind the policy of establishing a larger resource of exotic softwood plantations "

The evidence of the Commission was that its policy was "to phase down the rate of sawlog cut to a level which could be sustained indefinitely by the time over mature sawlogs from remaining old growth stands had been harvested" The Commission has made some cuts in quotas since that time but in the Public Accounts Committee report of 1990 it was noted that the practice of cutting in excess of "sustained yield" continued. The evidence given to the Senate Standing Committee was that if the Commission continued to cut the remaining old growth that these stands would be exhausted by 1994-1999. After that period the Forestry Commission was going to rely on the softwood plantations until the regrowth hardwood forests were ready.

So how long will the 67 compartments keep the mills in operation ? When the State Forest have known all along that ,regardless of wilderness areas or new national parks, that the timber resources would be exhausted by about this period and we would have to move to soft woods until the re-growth forests were ready.

Instead of indulging in political debate State Forest should explain why it had not taken steps years ago to help the industry change over to the softwood resource which it had planted for just this occasion.

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Mr James Sedler,

Dear James,

I agree entirely with everything you have said in your letter of 30/5/96.

I am a 'greener' and proud of it.

The society and myself have not changed our regard for conservation workers which remains full of praise and extreme gratitude for all they have done.

Nationally, things are at a very critical stage in our drive to have a national long term strategy adopted for the celebrations in the year 2001. It will all have been possible because of the dedicated work of people such as yourself and my friends.

I will be happy to clarify this and issue an apology in a future issue of Australian Plants when we know if we are successful. Meanwhile I hope that those concerned will be patient with me.

I pass your area a couple of times a year and would be pleased to be able to apologise to you personally on my next trip north.

Yours sincerely

Bill Payne.

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B. Joseph.

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To: Jim Tedder
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May 10, 1996

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thnx

Susie



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NORTH COAST ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL INC.

NEWS RELEASE

30 April 96

There are some problems with the current interim forest assessment process according to the President of the North Coast Environment Council Terry Parkhouse.

The community is placing a lot of confidence in the process now under way in Sydney where people representing the timber industry, the unions, the conservation movement and Government departments are examining a geographic information system showing the various types of forests and their state of disturbance. They hope to negotiate that the better areas are placed into a reserve system as an interim measure.

Unfortunately said Mr. Parkhouse there are faults in the system which must be acknowledged. Much of the material on which the assessment is being made is of limited accuracy, there is also a lack of data and some of the material has not been independently assessed.

Most of the air photo material used in the interpretation was five years or older and the team assigned to the production of the GIS had to rely on State Forest material showing what compartments had been logged since the photos were taken. There are obvious problems with this approach as it depends on the intensity of the logging and whether the whole compartment was logged and how accurate were the State Forests records.

One of the most serious problems within the current process is that the State Forests have produced, at the very last minute a Wood Resource Study which attempts to show the wood resource expected in each compartment. There has been no time to have such a study proved on the ground by an independent consultant. Yet those figures are to be used by the assessment team to indicate what timber resource may be lost to industry. There must be some independent sampling of this study "on the ground" before it can be accepted as being a reliable indicator of how much timber there may be in each compartment. There is plenty of evidence that previous estimates on timber resources by State Forests have been grossly inaccurate by as much as 100%.

In December 1995 the State Forests produced a publication called "The Economic Study of the NSW Timber Industry". This study was only released in very limited numbers to the public in April. The study, as far as is known, has not been independently assessed by economists or accountants. It needs to be, as there are some statements which should be checked by other than the proponents.

Nevertheless we recognise that this is an interim stage in the process to achieve a Comprehensive and Adequate Reserve System and if the shortcomings are recognised and remedied we still support the process.

We hope that the Government will also take up the 1990 Report of the Public Accounts Committee which made a large number of recommendations to reform the State Forests. Many of those recommendations have not been carried out and until the organisation is reformed many of the public will not have confidence in the management of the States forests whatever the outcome of this interim assessment process.

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MEDIA RELEASE
Tue, 23 Apr 1996

The Big Scrub Environment Centre would like to join the North East Forest Alliance, the Clarence Environment Centre, Drake Environment Centre, and the North Coast Environment Council in opposing the Timbarra Gold Project.

"The Timbarra Plateau, and the mining site in particular, contains unique and valuable remnants of native vegetation. The mining project, which involves treating ore with 700 tons a year of Sodium Cyanide, poses a major threat to the endangered species and fragile ecosystems of the area." Said spokesperson David Julian.

"There is no way the company, Ross Mining, can guarantee that the area will be protected. This is an elaborate heap leach process, using a number of toxic chemicals and massive earthworks all in the headwaters of the Clarence River.

The leach pad itself is located on a wetland. Ross Mining intend to excavate this wetland effectively destroying the water source of nearby Nelson's Creek. The mining company admits it cannot ensure with certainty that the wetland will not be contaminated. The only thing stopping cyanide entering the ground water is a 1.5 mm plastic sheet. Its optimistic in the extreme to propose that this sheet will not be damaged over the life of the project.

Other concerns involve pumping up to 2.5 million litres of water from the Timbarra River. This could be up to a third of the entire flow of this river, impacting heavily on down stream water uses and wild life.

"The project has dubious economic value. Gold is present in the ore only in minute fractions and it is unlikely the project will cover the enormous cost of rehabilitating the area. We believe the mining company are using this project as an excuse to further develop areas on the Timbarra Plateau for which the company holds exploration licences.

The above environment groups have formed a coalition, to pursue all political, legal and community options available to us in an effort to stop this mine.

"We believe that the Timbarra project cannot be justified and, once common sense prevails, will be stopped. Simply in economic terms, the value of a clean uncontaminated water supply far out ways the short term profits resulting from an ill conceived and poorly designed gold mine.

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news release

10 April 96

The dedication of new wilderness areas has been welcomed by the North Coast Environment Council said Terry Parkhouse the President.

The very small areas of this State, less than five percent that is unexploited or trampled by people, makes wilderness a very scarce resource. As such it has a very high value.

Unfortunately said Mr. Parkhouse there are serious gaps in the dedications with tracks excluded or left open and nearly all of the wilderness being within existing national parks so that these dedications do not add to the very small protected areas of this State. There is still only 1.25% of the State in wilderness and most of it is within national parks.

But from the out cry of the Member for Oxley Bruce Jeffrey and the Member for Lismore Bill Rixon one could be excused for believing that much of the State has now had a fence placed around it.

Contrary to what the Member for Oxley Bruce Jeffrey has claimed, the presence of wilderness areas is likely to attract overseas visitors whose home countries have not saved some of their natural areas as wilderness. But it is surprising what countries do have wilderness areas. The country which Australia so often slavishly follows, the United States of America has very large wilderness areas and even Spain advertises in tourist brochures the wilderness of their South West.

The threat of fires, weeds and feral animals are always raised as an argument against wilderness. The greatest threat to wilderness is however people whether in four wheel drive vehicles or on horses. Left to manage themselves wilderness areas if large enough can cope with wild fires, weeds and possibly to a certain extent feral animals. But introducing humans by providing tracks provides access for feral animals, weeds and the arsonist. Certainly there is need to provide protection for properties around the perimeters against fires and feral animals but as statistics show most fires move into national parks and wilderness areas and few come out. Weeds should not pose a problem as natural areas if left undisturbed will eventually overcome most weeds. Only lantana will continue to be a problem along the edges but many areas of State Forests and private property are infested with that weed in any case.

But there is one weed problem which does not exist yet on the North Coast but which has caused enormous problems on the Barrington tops. The weed is Scotch broom and it could be carried north into the new wilderness areas by horses and four wheel drive vehicles if they are allowed into the wilderness areas.

The Council appreciates the concern expressed by some people that they are excluded from wilderness areas if they are not permitted to drive. But the area then ceases to be a wilderness if there are tracks and the roar of engines. There are thousands of square

kilometres in the rest of the State for four wheel drive vehicles and it is selfish in the

extreme if a mere five percent of the State ,(or to date 1.25%) cannot be left in as natural a state as is possible.

Why does Mr. Jeffrey claims that forestry resources are being removed from the pool of timber available for processing.? Does Mr. Jeffrey wish to have the national parks logged or is he unaware of the boundaries of the new wilderness areas?

for further information

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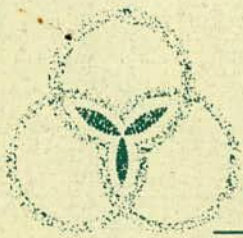
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NEWS RELEASE 11 April 96

The decision by the Premier to disallow the Lake Cowal goldmine has been hailed by the President of the North Coast Environment Council as a wise and brave decision.

Mr. Terry Parkhouse said that all over Australia there are abandoned mines which are or have caused enormous and expensive problems for the community. The community has been left with expensive legacies due to the financial collapse of the Company concerned or inadequate supervision by the authorities, or poor planning on the part of government.

The Lake Cowal mine would have resulted in an important wetland being destroyed. But there was also the possible threat that salt water would have invaded the area and destroyed farm land.

Mr. Parkhouse said that the Premier should make a similar decision about the Timbarra proposed gold mine. In the Drake area there are old mines and existing mines which are polluting the rivers and creeks that flow into the Clarence. Some of these mines were abandoned years ago but their legacies of heavy minerals are still polluting the streams and it will cost many thousands of dollars to halt this pollution. The infamous Captain Flats mines near Canberra cost the tax payer over \$11 million to stop the pollution of the Molongolo river. The proposed Timbarra mine is planning to site the leach heaps on a wet land from which the water flows to the Clarence. It only requires a breach in the pad lining or the financial collapse of the mining company to provide another expensive pollution problem for the tax payer.

The Timbarra proposal is in an area with many endangered species both plant and animal and it has the potential to pollute the Clarence to a serious extent with eroding material. The deposit apparently is not large ,though there are other possible mine sites, so the mine is not going to solve our balance of payment problems. In fact on balance it is likely to cost the community more than the value of the gold obtained.

The Premier should, like the Lake Cowal mine, refuse it.

The Government should set out clearly to mining companies what areas would be excluded from prospecting and therefore from mining. This will save the mining companies much money and the Government problems on what decisions to make if a resource is discovered in a sensitive area .Or one that is going to cost the community more in the long run that will be earned from the mine. The cost benefit study of the Coronation Hill proposal in the Northern Territory indicated that the total net result was in the order of \$70 million of benefit and that was touted as a very rich mine.

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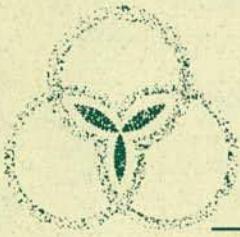
Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Clouston', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

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NEWS RELEASE

11 March 96

Forestry Facts

The prominence being given to the visit by Dr.P.Moore surely illustrates once again our cultural cringe. The Forest Industries have so little faith in the ability of Australian foresters to "sell" their proposals to wreck the remaining native forest that they turn to a overseas person said James Tedder Hon.Sec. of the North Coast Environment Council.

Dr. Moore may well understand British Colombia forests and the way they react to different methods of management but he fails dismally to understand the Australian situation.

The National Biodiversity Council which is composed of eminent Australian scientists recently" expressed extreme concern at the continuing threats to biological diversity in Australia's native forests.It believes that current forest management (including the level and manner of logging) is having a severe effect on biodiversity causing local and regional extinctions."

The North Coast is the second highest area in Australia of biodiversity yet according to Dr Norton of ANU there may be as many as 2,500 threatened plant species. Drs Norton and May say that recent research indicates that it may take native forests between 1500 and 2,500 years to recover their natural structure after timber harvesting.

Mr. Tedder said that whatever the time frame for forest recovery the forests are under increasing pressure as society tries to obtain more timber from them than can be sustained. Meanwhile the plants and animals including insects which may well decide the health of the forests are being

devastated.

It is time that the Forest Industries acknowledge that they should be seeking information from Australian scientists who have been researching the issues of biodiversity for years and not importing overseas biologists with little knowledge of Australia.

It is also time that the Forest Industries accept the fact that the intensity of forest operations in native forests today are putting at risk unique species and it is time to put more efforts into planting hardwood plantations and making more use of the huge softwood resource to meet our timber requirements.

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To Linda Gill
Lisa Yeates

From NCEC J. Tedde

Date 11 March 96

Following four pages are two for our news release followed by two pages of a Qld Conservation Council news release for information.

Linda will release from Tarce south
Lisa will release from Casino north.

Thank you.

Also attached as two pages is article re Boral. Can I please have ideas for another news release on these issues.



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Dear Mr Tedder

Enclosed please find the following documents relating to your unitholding in General Property Trust (GPT):

- 1995 Annual Report; and
- Voting Form for the election of each of two members of the Supervisory Board.

We are planning to hold a meeting of Unitholders later in the year and we will write to you when details are available. In the meantime, Unitholders are requested to consider electing two members of the Supervisory Board (see details following), each of whom has served on the Supervisory Board since its inception in March 1993.

Mr Gilles Kryger AM BEc, Chairman of General Property Trust Supervisory Board. Mr Kryger's career has been in investment banking and stockbroking. He was Executive Chairman of Ord Minnett until his retirement from that position in 1991 and served as a part-time Commissioner with the National Companies and Securities Commission from 1983-1991.

Mr Kryger is Chairman of Laporte Group Australia, Lang Corporation Ltd, Jamison Equity Ltd and Mercantile and General Reinsurance Group in Australia. He is also a Director of several major companies including Boral Limited and Volvo Australia Pty Limited.

Miss Elizabeth Nosworthy BA, LLB, LLM. Miss Nosworthy was previously a Partner in Freehill Hollingdale & Page, a national firm of solicitors, and is now a Consultant to that firm. She is a Director of Telstra Corporation Limited, David Jones Limited, and a member of the Capital Markets Advisory Board of Queensland Treasury Corporation. She has specialised in corporate banking and finance law and general commercial law including a range of matters associated with listed property trusts. She is also a former Director of Perpetual Trustees (Queensland) Ltd and of the Federal Airports Corporation.

Voting

The vote will be conducted by the auditors of the Trust, Coopers & Lybrand and we would appreciate your exercising your vote to support the work of the GPT Supervisory Board.

Should you require any further information please contact GPT Unitholder Services on 1800 025 095.

Yours faithfully

M S Banks
Chief Executive
Lend Lease Property Funds Management Limited



Queensland Conservation Council Inc.

MEDIA RELEASE

8 March, 1996

PATRICK MOORE DESCRIBED AS NAFI FRONT BY STATES LEADING CONSERVATIONISTS

"The timber industry sponsored visit by Patrick Moore has degenerated into a shameful series of attacks on the credentials of Australian forest scientists and the Australian conservation movement", spokesperson for The Wilderness Society in Queensland, Virginia Young said today.

Ms Young said "Mr Moore was trying to deflect attention from the fact that all over Australia the habitat of threatened forest species continues to be degraded, that 'old growth' and wilderness forests are being permanently destroyed and that in many areas the natural forest structure never returns after timber harvesting."

"Recent research by Drs. Norton and May from the Australian National University indicates that it may take native forests between 1,500 and 2,500 years to fully recover their natural structure after timber harvesting."

"If forestry operations in Australia were truly ecologically sustainable you would not expect dramatic changes in populations of species or dramatic changes in forest structure", Dr. Aila Keto from the Australian Rainforest Conservation Society commented.

"Yet what we see in many areas of Australia is a dramatic decline in the population of many forest species. Often we simply don't know what a viable population level for some species is. Certainly species like the Leadbeaters Possum in Victoria will become extinct if current logging plans are allowed to continue (ref: Dr. David Lindenmeyer and Dr. Hugh Possingham); and in Queensland the population of the Plumed Frogmouth is now almost certainly less than viable, (its population has been halved through loss of habitat caused by logging). There are now a host of species throughout Australia's forests in a similar position," Dr Keto said.

"The truth is that many thousands of plant and animal species may be at risk from current logging practices. (For example, Dr. Norton advises that in NE NSW alone there are 2,500 threatened plant species)."

"Mr. Moore makes the outrageous claim that clearfelling is good for Australian forests. In doing so he is simply recycling old ideas that have been thoroughly discredited", Dr. Keto said.

Professor Kitching went even further saying "that Patrick Moore's statements represent a half-baked interpretation of a piece of ecological theory. In all forests sunlight is necessary for regeneration. However, the key to natural regeneration is

that gaps in the forest must be small and embedded in a matrix of undisturbed forest. Clearfelling just does not provide the same situation. Moreover, if soil disturbance also occurs (a regular feature in clearfell operations) then a much less diverse forest will return."

"Mr. Moore demonstrates an abysmal lack of knowledge about the complexity, structure and functioning of Australian forests in his statements. One of the most tragic results of timber harvesting has been the extent to which our forest ecosystems have been modified into simpler ecosystems containing far less diversity. 'Old growth' forests support many more species than regrowth forests. Mr. Moore has been notably silent on the fate of Australia's 'old growth' and wilderness forests", Professor Kitching said.

"Nothing illustrates Mr. Moore's ignorance of Australian forest management practices more than his challenge to the environment movement to show him 'where the disappeared forests are' ". Imogen Zethoven from the Queensland Conservation Council said.

"In Queensland alone it has been common practice to harvest timber from an area and then convert that land into grazing country. Even where, in theory, areas are retained for timber production there is often such extensive damage from fire and weed invasion associated with logging activities that the original forest never returns. Clear examples of this occur in Central Queensland, where large areas of forest have been virtually destroyed by forest management practices. The same is true in NE NSW where much of the 'big scrub' was destroyed by overcutting or timber harvesting followed by allocation to grazing", Ms Zethoven said.

"Moreover in many areas of Australia the timber industry's attempts to regrow trees are failing dramatically. There are extensive areas of dieback and regeneration failure in every state of Australia. Our ignorance is causing forest losses all around the country."

"It is scurrilous for Mr Moore to suggest that all is well in Australia's native forests. We have a very poor forest reserve system and forest management practices that are not based on ecological protection. Habitat of rare, threatened and endangered species is destroyed everyday and our 'old growth' and wilderness forests continue to disappear at an alarming rate."

"We challenge Patrick Moore to provide one ounce of scientific evidence for his claim that native forest operations in Australia are ecologically sustainable."

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Expanding timber plantations, protecting oldgrowth forest, bio-diversity and water resources, and protection of locally owned industry and community interests is not left wing politics, it's just plain common sense, Mr Pike said.

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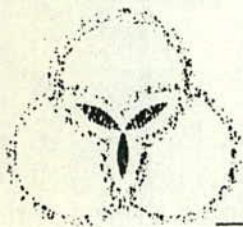
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MEDIA RELEASE 28TH MARCH 1996

"A STEP FORWARD TO RESOLVING FOREST CONFLICT"

Mr Terry Parkhouse President of the North Coast Environment Council was commenting after attending the Resource and Conservation Assessment Council's Information day at Kempsey on Wednesday 27th March.

He said "it is refreshing to see all the key stakeholders in the forestry debate interacting in the RACAC Interim Assessment Process"

"It is evident that the amount of scientific data from mapping of 3.3 million hectares of public land on forest types, old growth forest and threatened species habitat emanating from the National Parks and Wildlife Service's Geographical Information System will prove invaluable when the decisions have to be made on a comprehensive adequate and representative reserve system."

"State Forests are working in conjunction with NP&WS on parallel studies to produce data on standing volumes of timber, preferred harvesting periods, contribution to sustained yields and contribution to species mix"

A union representative Mr Andrew Harden stated that under the previous Government over cutting had occurred and his union recognised there would inevitably be job losses. Under the Labor government's structural adjustment package to Industry his union was seeking compensation for their members including job retraining programmes.

Mr Parkhouse stated that "the subject that drew a lot of comment was the Social and Economic Working Group's economic analysis of impact on Industry of degrees of reservation of the timber resource. Conservationists were concerned that no economic value was being assessed of the environmental benefits such as water quality and quantity and Tourism to balance the economic weighting."

"We look forward to the draft report due out in May when public comment will be sought"

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The Editor
Coffs Harbour Advocate

25th February 1996

Dear Sir

FOREST FACTS

Ms Petrie's letter of 23rd February displays a most unfortunate failure to face up to changing conditions in the forests.

Through no fault of the workers or the local saw mill owners the forests have been overcut for years resulting in the present day lack of the resource. In the 1980s the then State Government made an agreement with a large multi national company to supply them with a quantity of logs for twenty years which is impossible for the forests to produce.

That is the reason why in July 1996 another reduction in the quota of logs available will be made by State Forests. Not because of reserves but because forest managers over the past thirty or more years have seriously miscalculated the supply of logs that could be sustained and also because they virtually ignored the need of hardwood plantations on the North Coast.

Meanwhile in other parts of Australia there are large pine plantations, planted with Federal Government funds, waiting to be harvested.

In Oberon a proposed medium density fibreboard plant, new sawmill and resin plant scheduled for construction will employ 220 people.

In Bombala similar plans to utilise the plantations will employ more than the existing hardwood mills.

Unfortunately industries change and workers are displaced. The steam locomotives replacement by diesel resulted in job losses far exceeding any loss in the timber industry.

Now the timber industry workers are being offered retraining and relocation to places like Oberon or early retirement to compensate for the errors of past management.

Conservation organisations on the North Coast are not opposed to a native forest logging industry which supports the small locally owned saw mill but it must be based on a sustainable timber supply and a satisfactory reserve system.

Yours sincerely

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Timber industry future in doubt



□ The debate between politicians and forestry representatives — should we grow more plantations or thin the forests we have?

NINE hundred people at a public meeting in Bulahdelah have called on the Commonwealth Government to adopt more realistic conservation targets, so that forest-orientated communities can continue to exist.

Residents expressed their fears for the future of the timber industry in the Bulahdelah area to high ranking government, forestry and industry representatives, adopting a five point resolution dealing with the future management of forests.

Even a wet evening on Tuesday did not dampen the massive turnout of locals. Well before the starting time of 7.30 all seating was taken up at Bulahdelah Bowling Club, and hundreds more stood to hear the speakers.

Times Bulahdelah correspondent said after the meeting that some area timber workers had already been retrenched and been forced to leave Bulahdelah to find work, because of woodchipping restrictions.

"It was made very clear at the meeting that politicians believe we should grow more plantations and not use our native timber," Mrs Rawson said. "Our forestry representatives believe local forests need

mayor and John Chadban; Cr. Jack Ireland; Bob Richards; and Bob Horne Member for Paterson were among other speakers.

The meeting resolved:

- The people of Bulahdelah, are genuinely concerned over the future of our town and our area, because of the actual and potential loss of jobs arising from recent Commonwealth initiatives, namely restriction on SEPL's woodchip export licence, and the Deferred Forest Assessment and Regional Forest Agreement processes.

- That we endorse the Waste Reduction Strategy in the NSW Government's Forestry Policy Statement, which say "Labor will ensure a more efficient use of resources by the continued use of woodchips from hardwood sawn timber residue and silvicultural practices and better recovery in the forest including the utilisation of heads and butts."

- We deplore the present situation whereby valuable resource is left to rot or burn on the forest floor, harvesting operations cannot produce maximum silvicultural benefit, integrated harvesting operations, and consequently the supply of sawlogs, poles and other products

Woodchipping restrictions force workers to leave Bulahdelah

to be thinned to grow better and bigger timber quickly. It has been a successful way of management of these forests for about 100 years. Most of our logging areas have been logged five times, so they certainly have fast growing timber to be able to achieve that.

"The question now is: 'Will the government be able to juggle its books to give back some of the woodchip tonnage taken from the Bulahdelah area, and will it be able to do so quickly?' Mrs Rawson said. "We will just have to wait and see."

Speakers at the meeting included David Beddall, Federal Minister for Resources, who explained the federal governments plan to force the states to sign the Deferred Forest Agreement.

Kevin Carter, Bulahdelah district forester, explained why Bulahdelah doesn't need to grow more plantations as the area's fast growing timber needs to be thinned, so it is used as woodchip instead of just felling it and leaving it lay on the forest floor.

Col Dorber of the Forest Products Association; Geoff Quartermaine, forest liaison officer; Great Lakes

are in jeopardy, and jobs are being lost because of unwanted restrictions on the most environmentally benign woodchip operation in Australia.

- That we ask the Commonwealth Government to amend SEPL's export licence to allow the export of an additional 50,000 tonnes annually of hardwood woodchips during 1966 and in subsequent years, sourced from native forests in the form of silvicultural thinnings and sawlog residues.

- That the Bulahdelah community is extremely concerned at the possible effects the Deferred Forest Assessment and Regional Forest Agreement processes might have on our timber industry and therefore on our town. In particular, we are concerned that if the Commonwealth does not modify its intention to reserve 15% of pre 1750 vegetation types, most of our Flooded Gum and a significant amount of certain other forest types will be locked up, with disastrous consequences for our community.

- We ask the Commonwealth Government to adopt more realistic conservation targets, in line with most other countries.

Future of stables uncertain

GREATER Taree City Council has given owner Daray Investments Pty Ltd 90 days to restore or demolish a heritage listed "market shed" or old stables behind Wingham Hotel.

The building, used in recent times as a venue for community markets, is said to be one of the last of its type in the State but council is concerned about risks it poses to public safety.

Safety concerns resulted in the building being closed off.

Consultants last year estimated it would cost \$12,200 to make the building basically

safe but about \$20,000 to partially conserve it.

Another, unofficial estimate is that it would cost about \$5000 to demolish the building.

Wingham Rotary Club president Mr Bill Freeman says the club certainly would be interested in helping to retain what is a useful as well as historic building.

The club would be prepared, for a fee to be used for community purposes, to provide labour and equipment to undertake what work council might require to make the building safe.

"At the moment we are waiting to hear what council's minimum requirements are," Bill said.

"We'll help if we can."

The building is said to be about 90 years old and suffering basically from dry rot, white ants and age which have made the pole system unstable.

It is believed the minimum work required to make the building safe would be the bracing or anchoring of the poles holding it up.

Manning Valley Historical Society is interested in the preservation of the building.



□ Owners have 90 days to either restore or demolish Wingham's old stables.

Timber workers 'meat in sandwich'

BULAHDELAH timber workers are the 'meat in the sandwich' in the wood chip quota issue which attracted 900 people to the public meeting in Bulahdelah last week, the North Coast Environment Council says.

The meeting (see above) attended by the Minister of Resources David Beddall and the local Federal member Bob Horne and timber workers to discuss the woodchip quota appears to have been a meeting of confusion and misinformation, the Environment Council said yesterday.

"The North Coast Environment Council sympathises with the small mill operators and their workers who are caught up in a dispute which basically is between the big boys," spokesperson Linda Gill said.

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Mayor challenged on pool by special citizen

NEWS BRIEFS

"THIS year will be the year of the pool. It has got to happen. We'll raise the \$500,000 and Mr Mayor you've got to do the rest."

Aggie McClutchee, already planning fundraising, was accepting the Greater Taree City Council's Citizen of the Year award at the Australia Day ceremonies in the Police Community Youth Centre on Friday.

To a giant groundswell of clapping and flagwaving from the crowd of nearly 500, Mrs McClutchee only briefly reflected on her outstanding past deeds for the town as she praised the reformed Manning Swim and Leisure Centre Development Committee under the leadership of Tony Bradley.

"Tony has a great crew and we plan to officially launch the bid for the badly needed aquatic and centre leisure at a gala swim and fashion parade on March 30 at the Manning Entertainment Centre (She is arranging the event)."

Mrs McClutchee, who started fundraising for worthy causes at the age of 17, 50 years ago, when working for Lyndons, drew further applause when she announced that she had sought the help for former Olympic sprint swim champion John Devitt, the area's special Australia Day ambassador to help lobby council for the aquatic and leisure centre.

In accepting the Citizen of the Year award, Mrs McClutchee said she was very proud of the honour and praised her husband Mack for his support. She said it was a great pleasure to be of service to Taree.

Yesterday she was planning a bus trip to Laurieton Theatre on Saturday to see the movie *Babe*, to raise money for the proposed aquatic and leisure centre.

Mayor Brown described Mrs McClutchee as an outstanding citizen with her heart and body in the town.

Two 17-year-old Wingham teenagers won the other awards, Jennifer Page, Youth of the Year and Brooke Morrison, Young Sportsman of the Year.

Council's special ambassador, John Devitt help present the awards.



□ "It's been a pleasure to serve Taree" — Citizen of the Year Aggie McClutchee and her proud husband Mack.

Work for beloved town rewarded

AGGIE McClutchee has been awarded the title of Greater Taree City Council's Citizen of the Year in recognition of the 50 years she has spent helping others and her beloved town of Taree.

The people of Taree have benefited in many ways as a direct result of Aggie's efforts — monetarily — she has raised thousands of dollars for a variety of worthy local causes over 50 years.

The whole area has benefited from the prestigious events that Aggie has brought to Taree — the Wool Award Parade and Golden Gowns Award, as well as events she has staged — The Cover Girl Competition and just last year, the Flair Fashion Awards.

All of these occasions have brought

Taree to the attention of the Fashion World — generating income for our area and giving designers an opportunity to show their talents.

Her concerts not only promote local amateur talents but give many youngsters their first opportunity to experience performing in the Entertainment Centre. Many others have been influenced to join Aggie.

The original networker, Aggie enlists others to fill roles she cannot personally fit — no-one says 'No' to Aggie!

Her whole life has been geared to seeing a need and finding a way to meet that need.

Many local young people are now enjoying satisfying careers — thanks to Aggie recognising and fostering each

one's particular talents. Stephen Green and Britt Carlyle are just two she has helped on their way.

Aggie has always encouraged young people from our area to participate in whichever activity she has been involved in and these Flair Awards provided an opportunity for young people from near and far to display their talents.

As a member of Quota Club of Taree over 15 years she has had an extensive period of fund raising and charity work. She has run fashion parades for Lions Club of Taree.

She has also assisted VIEW Club in its fund raising for Smith Family, with her tapestry exhibitions and fashion parades.



□ Young Citizen of the Year Jennifer Page and Sports Award recipient Brooke Morrison.

Day of patriotism

"DAD was to stay in Lebanon for six months. He was back in his Taree shop in 21 days. He was proud to be an Australian. So are we."

Businessman Peter Dahdah said this of his late father, Anthony (Tony) who came to Australia in 1926. Peter was among the 500 people attending the Australia Day Ceremony at the Police and Community Youth Club on Friday.

Anthony Dahdah who died in February 1981 is survived by a daughter Noeline (Abi Saab), Peter and John, both of Taree. The patriarch arrived in Sydney in 1926 from Lebanon. He married in 1933 and the day after the ceremony they came to Taree to start a business.

"Dad said Australia is the greatest country in the world. It is," Peter said. "In 1959 dad went back to Lebanon planning to stay for six months. He was back in the shop after 21 days. We always say we're Lebanese, but we're Australia and very proud to be."

Australia Day 1996 will be remembered for its heat and show of patriotism in Taree.

About 500 people attended the Taree function.

School principal Warwick Murray said Australia Day was doubly important to Australians, being the start of the colonies and the Westminster system of government: "And I've seen nothing on the horizon to replace it."

Alf McCarthy, 74, who was working on the RSL sub-branch stall handing out memorabilia, first came to Australia with the British Navy in 1945, said most people wanted information about flags.

"I came back to live in Australia from the UK in 1960 and became a naturalised Aussie. I love being an Australian and am very proud of the fact."

Serving close by was RSL sub-branch secretary Bob Coombes. A Vietnam veteran, Bob said Australia Day was part of our heritage and ranked it in importance as nearly the equal of ANZAC Day.

Lucky escape from fire

TWO people are lucky to have escaped without serious injury after a ceiling fan in their home caused a minor fire on Friday night.

Fire chief Max Beard said it appears as though the fan short circuited, melting the plastic covering causing burning debris to fall to the ground.

A Marsden Terrace man attempted to stomp the fire out with his feet. He was taken to Manning Base Hospital for treatment to minor burns while his wife suffered smoke inhalation.

Mr Beard said there was no structural damage to the house only minor smoke damage.

Meanwhile, the fire brigade was called out to a burning car at Glenthorne on Sunday.

Mr Beard said the blaze is being treated as suspicious. The deputy captain of the fire station, Neville Smith who lives nearby, extinguished the blaze himself with a garden hose.

The burning car was parked in the driveway of a Glenthorne home.

Dogs dead after baiting

TWO dogs at Lansdowne have died after consuming baits containing the lethal poison strychnine.

In four days, one Yarrat Road resident lost two dogs that picked up the baits from along the roadside on Tuesday.

Senior Constable Keith Martin of Coopers Police is urging anyone with information to come forward immediately before another dog, or a child picks up a bait.

Dog baitings at Lansdowne were a concern for police last year when several animals in the area fell victim to baits laced with strychnine.

If caught, a person lacing baits with the lethal and illegal poison faces a serious penalty under the Poisons Act.

Any resident with information should contact Coopers Police on 56 3144.

Lock up — Police warn

POLICE are urging residents to ensure their homes are securely locked after a number of break and enters in the last week.

A home on Taree Road, Wingham was entered by thieves who gained access by manipulating the lock on a door.

A woman's handbag containing money was stolen from the home.

A railway storage shed was also targeted by thieves last week.

Tools and equipment including a chainsaw were taken off the premises.

Police are still investigating both matters.

Forster sting operation

TWO Forster men have been charged with allegedly conducting a sting on five area businesses.

The men, one aged 23, and the other 19, have been bailed to appear at Taree Local Court on February 6. They have been charged with stealing and obtaining money by false pretences. Police will allege that one of them would steal items from the stores, then the other man take the stolen items back to the shops seeking either cash or credit.

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More Australia Day photos, stories: p 15.

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North Coast Environment Council delegates will be taking the opportunity to meet with the Federal Environment Minister John Faulkner ~~on Wednesday, 31st January~~ when he comes to Mylestoun to launch the campaign of the Labor candidate for Cowper, Paul Selby.

Selby Selby

Discussions

The NCEC has various issues it would like to discuss with the Minister ~~which~~ especially relevant in light of the upcoming Federal election where "green" preferences may be the difference between Labor or a coalition government.

"The Federal Government's response to greenhouse gas emissions has been totally inadequate," Spokesperson Jim Tedder said. At current trends Australia will not reach the targets set by international agreements, and it's position at the Berlin Climate conference last year was an international embarrassment. Australia took a very short sighted, conservative position along with the USA and showed that it had been intimidated by coal industry scare tactics regarding job losses and reduced economic growth. We hoped that should Labor win another term they will be prepared to bite the bullet on greenhouse emissions.

~~It will be the long term benefit of Australia as new~~

The minister was not able to assure us that this would be the case

The NCEC also has grave concerns regarding the Federal government's forest policy, especially the Deferred Forest Areas (DFA) package released late last year. *The inadequacy of the* ~~the North Coast of NSW especially~~ the package was inadequate with no areas set aside in the Murrumbidgee Management Area which is Australia's most diverse forest region. It was only blockaded by environmentalists which have temporarily saved these natural jewels from the chainsaw.

was pointed out to the minister

The "Scientific" basis of the DFA process has also been questioned by the National Biodiversity Council which is an independent scientific ~~body~~ *body*.

The minister however refused to accept this assessment

The Federal Government has been negligent in its commitment to implementing the National Forest Policy Statement agreed between the Federal and State governments in 1992. It has sat on its hands for several years whilst the State governments have been allowed to continuously ignore this agreement which should have been implemented by 1995, and now we are told that an adequate reserve system is still several years away.

Other important environmental issues to be discussed at the meeting with the Federal Environment Minister included toxins and Wood Chip Export Licences (connected to the DFA process) *and dumping of waste at sea.*

For more information contact: Lyn Orrego on 265 607479

GREENHOUSE EFFECTS AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

In 1989 Senator Richardson then Minister for Environment investigate reducing ghe by 40% -1990 will be a year of action . WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ?

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Greenhouse 21C states more research on alternatives,
Support development of renewable energy industry program
task force to switch consumers to gas
new motor vehicle labelling
better data base on land clearing

In Berlin conference Australia one of a few developed nations reluctant to support any ghe reduction standards.Aust's UN Ambassador opposed targets in final mandate -aligning itself with USA

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ENCOURAGEMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT CONTINUES

WHY IS NOT TAXATION USED TO ENCOURAGE RAIL USE ;

SOLAR WATER HEATERS ; CHANGE TO GAS COOKING ;BUILD WIND GENERATORS
This council considers the Federal Govt has not tackled the GH emmission problem with the seriousness it should have received.

28 JANUARY 96

NORTH COAST ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL

MEDIA RELEASE FEBRUARY 14, 1996

State Forests release of seven huge Environmental Impact Statements so close together covering planned logging across northern NSW has been labelled "foul play" and an attempt to hamper effective comment from the public and government departments.

The North Coast Environment Council will seek an extension of the public exhibition period for all EIS's in an attempt to ensure each has a chance for proper public scrutiny and comment, spokesperson Lyn Orrego said today.

"State Forests previously promised their EIS's for logging would be released in a staged fashion yet now we have seven being released in close proximity and overlapping each other with each being the size of three telephone books.

"State Forests has taken five years to prepare most of these EIS's. They are three years overdue. They are massive documents with large technical reports attached and yet the public and government departments are expected to comment on all seven by due dates which all fall in March or April.

"We can only assume that State Forests is seeking to overwhelm the public and minimise meaningful comment and scrutiny. It is a counter productive and unfair tactic. It is evidence State Forest decision makers are still using any means they feel they can get away with to "have their way" with our public forests.

"EIS's for logging are now more important than ever since the new Threatened Species Conservation Act was passed. The approval and conditions which follow the EIS will be the main rules which apply to forest operations for the next ten years. National Parks and Wildlife Service licenses to protect fauna will no longer apply.

"NCPEC will be asking the Minister for Land and Water Conservation, Kim Yeadon to put forward the time of exhibition for all EIS's so each can receive due consideration," she concluded.

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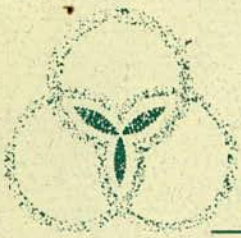
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NEWS RELEASE

25 JANUARY 96

BULAHDELAH AND THE WOODCHIPS

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given priority over logging and silviculture residue. So one would assume from the licence conditions that all the mills should be able to sell their sawmill wastes and this would leave the State Forest searching for a market for their silviculture residue chips .

Why then has the Buladelah area be targetted by SEPL for a heavy reduction in the buying of woodchips ? Considering this area is closest to the export port and transport costs would be lower than elsewhere one could assume that the Grafton area would be cut first.

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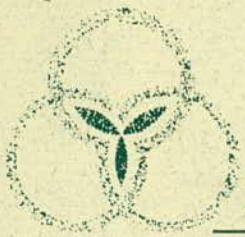
To The Editor

From NCEC

J. Tedder

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An Open Letter to the Premier

Dear Premier

When you were seeking power your Party promised all sorts of sound environmental decisions if you came to Government.

Every day that your Government continues in power sees those wonderful pre-election promises being watered down following pressure by the large farming, development and timber lobbies.

On 13 December while you were "caving in" on the Native Vegetation Clearance Planning Policy to a bunch of conservatives, who claim to represent farmers, there were scientists in a Sydney Conference pointing out that the loss of our endangered species was increasing due to land clearing. ABC-TV showed such clearing in horrendous detail.

Your promise to protect old growth forest is being reduced to tatters as State Forests twist and turn the policy to enable them to continue with their disasterous management practices. Why are 25 acres of old growth not old growth? Watch the log trucks coming out of Wild Cattle Creek State Forest with one or two huge logs on the jinker and ask how can these huge logs be re-growth.

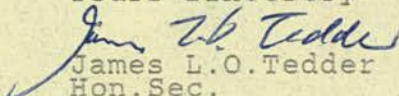
No plantations are to be established as a result of clearing of native forests promised the Premier in March 95 to Hon. I Cohen. Instead we see "gap clearing" where large holes measuring up to 100m x 100m are cleared in the forest. This is just to improve regeneration claim State Forests. But as these gaps are made year after year the native forests minus the "rubbish" trees and the habitat trees will soon be reduced to plantations.

The coast was not going to be subject to canal estates and desecrations of beaches. Wetland protection was to be extended. There was going to be a Coastal Council with teeth to ensure sensible coastal policies so went the promises. The reality is no Coastal Council and plans to allow a marina at Shell Harbour in the middle of a coastal wetland essential to the fishing industry and with possible huge losses of sand from nearby beaches.

The announcement of Demon Nature Reserve in the Clarence valley fails to state that the more valuable sections of the area with a number of endangered species will be excluded to allow a gold mine with a life of perhaps five years. Koala habitat is being destroyed to allow sand mining to continue near Newcastle when the Premier over ruled the Court decision.

Your Government Mr. Carr must do better if your pre-election promises are to mean anything.

Yours sincerely


James L.O. Tedder
Hon. Sec.

14 December 95

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NORTH COAST ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL INC

Media Release December 4, 1995

Keating "protects" what's been logged & logs what should be protected

The 6 million hectares the Keating government claims to be "protecting" Australia-wide (1,111,200 hectares in NSW) is largely "trashed" forest, according to spokesperson for the North Coast Environment Council, Lyn Orrego.

"The "protected" areas in NSW contain all the areas that have just been logged, including clearfelled areas, or were logged in the last few years.

"The "protected" areas also contain the State Forests pine plantations of NSW, many ready for logging and all rightly destined for logging.

"The public is being given a false impression by governments. The so-called "go-areas" where logging will be allowed contain irreplaceable forests needed for a proper reserve system while much of the "protected" areas are useless for a reserve system. The cut in woodchip quotas will not protect these forests.

"The timber industry is getting the money and the trees. The Australian taxpayer is footing the bill to a tune of 140 million dollars as well as losing some of the best that is left of their natural heritage - the publicly owned high conservation value native forests.

"21.7% of the public forests are in go-areas and supposedly needed by June next year yet the public is always being told only 1% of our forest is logged each year.

"Both state and federal governments promised a comprehensive, adequate and representative reserve system would be put in place and that it would be worked out on a scientific basis of reserving the areas with the highest conservation values (National Forest Policy Statement 1992).

"All the NSW conservationists asked in their submissions was for that promise be honoured and science be used to choose the areas to be set aside. The government agencies have databases on such things as very rare forest types and endangered species of plants and animals yet they refused to base their choices on this information.

"Rainforest, old growth, identified wilderness and critical habitat for endangered species is being logged in NSW as you read this and will continue to be logged over the next 6 months.

"Far from a resolution of the forest issue this latest deceptive move by the Keating government is likely to bring more conflict in the forest and backlash for Keating at the polls, she concluded.

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NORTH EAST FOREST ALLIANCE

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Media Release - Wednesday 15 November 95

Logging halted across whole Murwillumbah Management Area

Protesters have spent their first night at their forest blockade camp after historic actions yesterday to halt all forestry activities in native forests in Murwillumbah Management Area (MA), for an indefinite period. Their protests are over "unacceptable standards of forestry management" in the marginal seat of Page (& NSW) and a Bill before NSW Parliament which will exempt forestry from the states' planning laws for 3 more years.

"Work was stopped at Wollumbin SF and Mebbin SF yesterday (Tuesday), following the shut down of native forest operations in Nullum State Forests last week. Yesterday's actions were non-violent and were not resisted by the timber industry. No plantation operations are affected by the protests," said NEFA spokesperson Ms Sue Higginson.

[NB! TV News Directors: broadcast quality vision of yesterday's action is available: ph 066 224 737]

"In Compartment 61 of Nullum SF, State Forests ignored the recommendations of NPWS fauna experts, rejected the views of their own flora expert and breached licence conditions imposed by the Regulation and Public Information Committee (RAPIC). They devastated a population of the rare rainforest tree *Elaeocarpus sp. minyon*, and built roads through rainforest areas while permitting the pollution of streams and the destruction of endangered animals' habitat," she said.

NEFA's Mr Dailan Pugh last week cited this abject failure of responsible forestry management in the Murwillumbah MA as the reason for NEFA's call for further protests & a shut down of work. Ms Higginson said "this appalling, unaccountable management of public forests just had to stop".

"We have been waiting for a long time for the state and federal ALP Governments to deliver on their promises to prevent the destruction of important forests and their vital 'non-timber' values. After numerous complaints to the Minister & repeated breaches of conditions by State Forests, we have yet to see effective action by the ALP Government to ensure that the gross destruction does not continue. So, once again, the people must defend the public forests," she said.

"A State Forest Inspection team is scheduled to investigate State Forests mis-management of Cpt61 Nullum SF, but the public can have no confidence in such an internal inquiry, even if Kim Yeadon thinks it's 'good enough'. A full, independent inquiry into the whole Murwillumbah Management Area is certainly more than justified," said Ms Higginson.

Ms Higginson said NEFA's ban on forestry operations in the Murwillumbah MA would remain in force until the Minister for Land & Water Conservation could demonstrate that State Forests had adopted NPWS's & EPA's prescriptions to safeguard endangered species and water quality, were capable of faithfully applying them and would now willingly comply with all legal obligations.

"These protests are also intended to make it clear that NEFA opposes the extension of the Timber Industry (Interim Protection) Act 1994 because it will deliver 3 more years of unaccountable forest operations. Murwillumbah MA's rare plants and animals would not survive TI(IP) Mark III."

"The forest watch camp is just inside Mebbin SF, on the corner of Hyrril Ck Road and Cadell Rd. All forest defenders are welcome to come and support the protest actions," she said

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For more info phone Sue Higginson 066 224 737w or 019 458 821 mobile.

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MEDIA RELEASE

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Why has State Forests decided to clear fell and burn hundreds of trees in Wild Cattle Creek State Forest compartment 323 asks The President of the North Coast Environment Council. Mr. Parkhouse said it is difficult to understand the reasons for the current operation which has resulted in clear felling and windrowing of the trees and the exposure of bare soil to the elements.

The area was devastated by the wild fires in 1994 but according to a botanist who visited the site the trees were recovering. The State Forests managers claim otherwise and are clearing the area for plantations. No habitat trees were on the site according to State Forests but trees marked H for habitat were found by an inspecting party, piled to be burnt. Apparently the mills have more timber than they can handle, and the economics are against shipping for woodchips so the timber is being burnt.

Mr. Parkhouse said that it was difficult to reconcile the claims that people were about to lose their jobs because of the lack of trees and here are trees being burnt.

The Premier said that existing regrowth forests would not be clear felled for plantations yet here is a Government department apparently operating under the previous Governments permission, clear felling re-growth forest with no concern for wildlife habitat.

Only some 10% of the area proposed to be cleared has been done to date so the eventual area that will be exposed to soil erosion in the summer rains will contribute to silt problems in the Nymboida river.

Nearby compartment 332 which had escaped the 1994 fires and

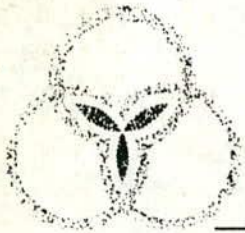
is a refuge for wildlife is on the order of works for logging
This compartment has a number of rare flora species and
communities and should not be allowed to suffer the fate of
compartment 323.

Mr. Parkhouse said that if people saw compartment 323 and how
the Forest Authorities were "caring for our forests" or
thought that our forests were in "safe hands" they would be
horrified.

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NEWSRELEASE

2 October 1995

The Commonwealth's Deferred Forest Areas proposal is a farce according to the North Coast Environment Council.

Vice President Lyn Orrego said that the whole process has been driven by what the State Forest authority decides. As a result there are exceptions and loopholes through which a timber truck could be driven.

The whole operation is contrary to what the State and Federal Governments have promised under the National Forest Policy which is to set aside areas likely to be required for an adequate reserve system.

The claim that 900,000 hectares on the North Coast have been protected is wrong. All that figure means is that it is not on the list for logging this year. Industry has achieved 95% of what they have sought. The situation in NSW is far worse than other States. NSW has less than 6% of its estate protected in reserves and to achieve the Commonwealth's aim of 15% as at 1750 there needs to be some 50% of the North Coast State forests protected.

M/s Orrego said some of the so called "Deferred Forest Areas" were logged last year or even gap cleared so have lost some of their conservation values.

The new Order of Works issued by State Forests for the period June 95 to June 96 showing what compartments are to be logged in this period, include compartments which the Prime Minister had protected at the beginning of the year. Sixty of the ninety compartments in the Urunga district which were so protected are now open to logging and gap clearing.

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NEWSRELEASE

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18 Oct 95

NEWSRELEASE

Will the twenty four new National Parks in the Labor Governments first year of office become another broken election promise asks the President of the North Coast Environment Council Terry Parkhouse.

The chances are high that the target will not be achieved for the North Coast. Mr. Parkhouse said that the promised Demon, Cudgen Lake, Warrell Creek, Yamba, Sara river, Mt. Jerusalem, Cataract Nature Reserves are all at risk.

Demon which is a plateau in the Upper Clarence near Drake has been identified as being the core habitat area for some 15 endangered animals

At Yamba the same Department of Mineral Resources has been keen to have mineral sands mined on the proposed site of the Nature Reserve. Present plans are halted until the boundaries of the park are redrawn.

Is the Department of Lands and Water Conservation still fighting to retain its own system of reserves by being reluctant to hand over control of Cudgen Lake and extensions to the proposed Cape Byron Park to the National Parks Service

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Sara River is already threatened by gold mining activities and the result will be a polluted river and the unwanted remnants of the area placed in the Nature Reserve.

We believe that the State Forests are opposing the dedication of the Mt Jerusalem Nature Reserve. This was called blackbutt plateau and it has been a proposal for some 11 years.

Cataract is another proposed Nature Reserve in the head waters of the Clarence.

It appears that the Minister for Environment Hon. P. Allan does not have the support of the Premier or Cabinet and is at the bottom of the "pecking order" when it comes to decision making. When the Premier was Minister for the Environment in the previous Labor Government he admitted that because the Lands Department did not wish to hand over the Warrell Creek area to the National Park Service that was the end of the matter. We wonder if the Government or the Public Servants

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MEDIA RELEASE 23rd July 1995

GOVERNMENT MOVES OVER WOODCHIP DEBACLE

Following the Environment movement's successful legal challenge to the Federal Court over the export woodchip licences issued by Resource Minister David Beddall, the Government has moved to avoid further public scrutiny of the Minister's decisions.

Amendments to the Administrative Procedures of the Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act 1974 have given the Resource Minister the discretion to not seek the advice of the Environment Minister or require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

"These amendments announced under the guise of clarifying the confusion over the validity of all export licences following the successful challenge by the Tasmanian Conservation Trust over the Gunns case, have much greater implications" said Mr Parkhouse President of NCEC Inc.

"These changes will give the Action Minister (usually the Resource Minister) the power to decide on the environmental impact of a proposal without referral to the expertise of the Department of Environment directly concerned with such assessment."

"Such a change giving increased Ministerial discretion lessens the certainty of process, undermines and contradicts the public review of the Act which has been going on since 1993. This review suggests the introduction of a designated development list which if a proposed development applied would then be automatically referred to the Environment Minister, a system used in NSW."

"The success of NCEC's legal challenge to the validity of the Sawmillers Export Pty Ltd export woodchip licence has embarrassed the Federal Minister for Resources and the amendments to the Administrative Procedures of the Act is designed to avoid further embarrassment" said Mr Parkhouse.

"Is the Federal Government prepared to face the Australian electors with such a flawed system of decision making which is neither open transparent or accountable?" concluded Mr Parkhouse.

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10 Aug

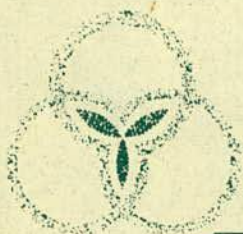
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NEWS RELEASE 10 August 95

Vegetation controls to be imposed by the State Government have been welcomed by the North Coast Environment Council. President of the Council Terry Parkhouse said that four recent reports indicated there was a very serious problem in the over clearing of native vegetation.

In the Yass area ,on the Liverpool plains,in central Victoria in the Murray basin,in Western Australia, rising water tables due to the removal of native vegetation are causing severe salting problems. Not only will those rich farming areas go out of production but salted streams will carry the problems over a greater area.

In the light of this evidence it is a nonsense to suggest that clearing has not had a serious effect upon the farming potential of Australia. It certainly has had a devastating effect upon Australias wildlife where many species have gone to extinction.

If clearing had not been excessive there would not be such a strong Land Care movement in this State as so many concerned farmers are working to try and rectify the past mistakes,made from ignorance.

The Council has a concern with the Policy in that if a landowner intends to clear only small areas -less than 2 hectares then no permission is required.That means that some of the more important remnants of vegetation on the North Coast could be cleared completely in two or three years by doing 2 hectares per year. This is a loophole which the Council will be urging the Government to close. The Council is also concerned about the "escape" clauses in some Local Environment Plans which allow clearing of 2 hectares or less

per year on slopes exceeding 18 degrees if bananas are to be planted. There is nothing to stop large areas of steep country being cleared over a few years supposedly for bananas and then being left for rough grazing.

Society operates only because people are subject to certain laws. There is no God given right for a land holder to do what they wish on their land. What ever they do on that land will impact in some way or other on other members of the community .It may be silting of a stream,excessive runoff on to a neighbours property, or the rising of the salt level,or the loss of water retention abilities or the loss of wildlife If some farmers and their organisations cannot believe that there is a serious problem with overclearing then they should read the report from CSIRO entitled "Land Cover Disturbance over the Australian Continent" or the Biodiversity Report no.6 "Native Clearance Habitat Loss and Biodiversity Decline" It is not just some farmers who are guilty but other land holders and developers. On the North Coast Local Government in their rush for development are just ^{on much} at fault in not ensuring that proper planning has priority and not just the wishes of large land speculators. The push for rural residential areas has not be accompanied by conditions to ensure the retention of native vegetation and as a result there has been needless large scale clearing.

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Biodiversity Paper No 6 Native Vegetation Clearance
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SPECIAL BULLETIN SEPT 1995

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**Monday 25th September at 7.30pm
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Please try and attend. If you require further information or directions, please call Marshall Hodgekiss on 065 690 558 (Business Hours) or 065 690 548 (After Hours).

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NEWSRELEASE

2 October 1995

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Consent by 15 March (this Friday)

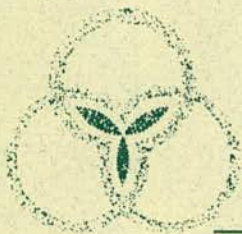
FROM: JEFF FARRAR I will FAX Draft NCEC response to BIG SCRUBS on Wednesday
Here is draft bill of 'audley' on fundraising

NB: Mr Clark of Chief Sec's Office did say period could be extended for subm. to end ~~next~~ week.

• public servants from Chief Sec's Office have said approvals could be blanket for 3 years - but this is not specified on the draft bill. The draft bill does not give any grounds for the Minister's decision - no qualifications, no guidelines (only 'public interest' appeal possible).

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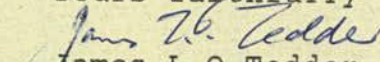
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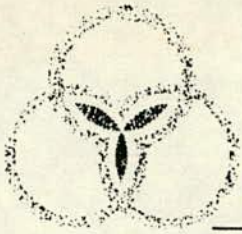
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28th August 1995

Dear Sir,

This is a request that Lisa Inteman be allowed to address Hastings Council regarding agenda item PD20 Ring Road on behalf of this Council.

Yours sincerely,

Terry Parkhouse
President (Phone 065 690771)

North Coast Environment Council Inc.

Hon. Sec. Jim Tedder, Pavan's Rd, Grassy Head via Stuart's Point 2441. Ph/ Fax 065 690 802

MEDIA RELEASE - Friday 21 July 1995

SEP/L woodchip licence illegal, Beddall to issue another !

The North Coast Environment Council Inc. has discontinued its Federal Court legal challenge of the 15 month woodchip export licence issued to BORAL company Sawmillers Export P/L in September 1994 by Federal Resources Minister David Beddall, following the company's recent 'surrender' of the licence to the Minister.

The surrender came late on Friday 14 July, at the end of the week before the scheduled full hearing of the Council's challenge to the legality of the licence before the Federal Court.

"The Minister for Resources and the SEP/L company have effectively admitted that we were right when we first began this court challenge in October last year. In our view the export woodchipping carried on in the last 9 months, under this now surrendered licence has now been shown to have been illegal," said Mr Terry Parkhouse, President of the North Coast Environment Council Inc, (NCEC).

The discontinuance follows a confidential settlement agreement between the NCEC and the Minister on the question of costs incurred in preparing the legal challenge.

NCEC set a legal precedent late in 1994 in receiving a favourable ruling on the question of what environment groups qualify for 'standing' from the Federal Court. This 'standing' test assisted Tasmanian Conservation Trust Inc to successfully challenge the 1994 export woodchipping licence issued to the Gurns company in Tasmania. 'This judgement by Mr Justice Sackville precipitated Labor's Christmas 94 - New Year 95 'woodchip debacle'.

"Unfortunately, it does not appear that the Federal Labor Government intends to commence the phase out of export woodchipping by winding back the SEP/L operation.

"NCEC understands that Mr Beddall intends to issue a new 'legal challenge proof' licence to the BORAL subsidiary, to ensure continued woodchipping and prevent further court proceedings," Mr Parkhouse said.

"This is clearly unacceptable. We have asked the Sydney Environmental Defenders Office to seek further legal advice from Mr John Basten QC and we are actively considering a fresh legal challenge in our continuing campaign to end export woodchipping," he said.

Mr Parkhouse made an urgent appeal for donations to fund the obtaining of this further advice, and any further proceedings. All donations to NCEC are now tax deductible and should be sent to The Treasurer, NCEC Inc. PO Box 400 Wauchope 2446.

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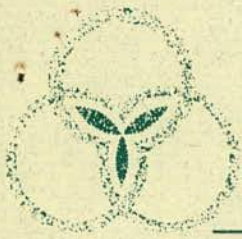
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NORTH COAST ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL INC.

MEDIA RELEASE 3rd AUGUST 1995 WILDLIFE CARNAGE AT NORTH OCEAN SHORES

"5 swamp wallabies and a koala have all been killed recently in a 2km radius of an area the State Government has placed an Interim Protection Order (IPO) over at North Ocean Shores" stated Stan Scanlon of the Conservation of North Ocean Shores Group (CONOS)

The State Government made a pre election promise to protect North Ocean Shores by purchasing it because of its high conservation value. It is the home to 38 rare and endangered Fauna species.

An Interim Protection Order (IPO) was placed over part of the area by the Minister for the Environment to stop the destruction of the habitat of the endangered fauna but this has not stopped the Developer from daily activities of destruction under the guise of Agricultural clearing and drainage for cane cropping.

All this is occurring on land within and adjacent to the IPO area. The adjacent buffer zone is part of the core koala habitat corridor of State and Regional significance and comes under a State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP)44.

Minister for Planning Craig Knowles recently witnessed the ongoing destruction of this wild life corridor when flames were leaping 20 metres high from the fire of bulldozed trees. These fires were left unattended and consequently spread into adjacent areas.

"CONOS the local conservation group and a member of the North Coast Environment Council Inc (NCEC) have been lobbying for years to protect the site" stated Terry Parkhouse President of the Council. "And this Council has also demanded State Government action over many years and it would be a tragedy if the new Labor Government failed to act to prevent this blatant disregard of the IPO."

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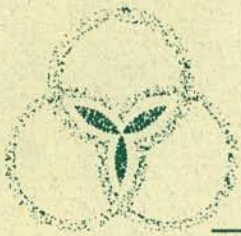
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NORTH COAST ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL INC.

MEDIA RELEASE 23rd July 1995

GOVERNMENT MOVES OVER WOODCHIP DEBACLE

Following the Environment movement's successful legal challenge to the Federal Court over the export woodchip licences issued by Resource Minister David Beddall, the Government has moved to avoid further public scrutiny of the Minister's decisions.

Amendments to the Administrative Procedures of the Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act 1974 have given the Resource Minister the discretion to not seek the advice of the Environment Minister or require an Environmental Impact Assessment.

"These amendments announced under the guise of clarifying the confusion over the validity of all export licences following the successful challenge by the Tasmanian Conservation Trust over the Gunns case, have much greater implications" said Mr Parkhouse President of NCEC Inc.

"These changes will give the Action Minister (usually the Resource Minister) the power to decide on the environmental impact of a proposal without referral to the expertise of the Department of Environment directly concerned with such assessment".

"Such a change giving increased Ministerial discretion lessens the certainty of process, undermines and contradicts the public review of the Act which has been going on since 1993. This review suggests the introduction of a designated development list which if a proposed development applied would then be automatically referred to the Environment Minister, a system used in NSW".

"The success of NCEC's legal challenge to the validity of the Sawmillers Export Pty Ltd export woodchip licence has embarrassed the Federal Minister for Resources and the amendments to the Administrative Procedures of the Act is designed to avoid further embarrassment" said Mr Parkhouse.

"Is the Federal Government prepared to face the Australian electors with such a flawed system of decision making which is neither open transparent or accountable?" concluded Mr Parkhouse.

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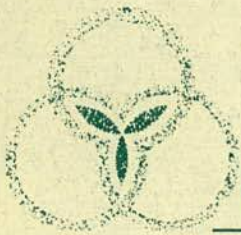
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The proposed nature reserve is currently being drained and cleared for sugar cane production.

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Recognition by Federal court a setback for Woodchip Minister

Federal Minister for Resources David Beddall today suffered a major setback in his plans for increases in export woodchipping from the north coast of NSW following a decision of the Federal Court in Sydney to grant 'standing' to the North Coast Environment Council Inc.

Mr Justice Sackville today found in favour of the North Coast Environment Council Inc. and upheld their right to require the Minister for Resources to justify and explain his decision to further licence BORAL subsidiary, Sawmillers Export P/L for the continued export of woodchip.

In his judgement His Honour found that the North Coast Environment Council Inc:

- * was a peak environment organisation in the North Coast region;
- * had been formally recognised by both the Commonwealth and NSW governments as "a significant and responsible environmental organisation;
- * has conducted or co-ordinated projects and conferences on matters of environmental concern;
- * made submissions on forestry management issues to the Commonwealth Resource assessment Commission; and
- * funded a study on old growth forests, focussing upon the Wild Cattle Creek State Forest.

The action was under the Commonwealth Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1977.

"The Minister repeatedly refused to recognise the North Coast Environment Council's rights as a party "aggrieved" by his decision to continue to licence the export of woodchips from the NSW north coast. Mr Beddall did not accept that he must be publicly accountable for his decisions, nor did he recognise the massive groundswell of public opinion opposed to more export woodchipping.

"The Minister's views have been shown to be wrong at law by the Federal Court. The decision means that the Minister must now provide to the Environment Council his findings of fact and the reasons on which he based his decision to issue a further woodchip export licence to Sawmillers Export P/L," said Council President, Mr Terry Parkhouse.

Mr Parkhouse said that the 15 month export licence, issued by Mr Beddall in October 1994 to the BORAL subsidiary, "flouted the policy announced by Prime Minister Keating in 1992 to end export woodchipping by the year 2000".

"Mr Beddall must now publicly explain why he has rejected Commonwealth Government policy".

Co-ordinator of the legal action for the Environment Council, Mr John Corkill said that the Federal Court judgement was a precedent setting ruling which would have continuing significance for environment groups seeking accountability of Federal Ministers.

He said that once Mr Beddall's facts and reasons were provided they would be closely scrutinised.

"It is very likely that the Environment Council will mount a further Federal Court challenge on the 'reasonableness' of the findings and reasons supplied by the Minister in an attempt to modify or overturn the woodchip export licence.

Mr Corkill said that while costs had been awarded against the Minister, donations for the further legal action were being actively solicited in anticipation of a lengthy and expensive main hearing later in 1995. He said that North Coast Environment Council Inc had been granted tax deductible status, allowing donors to claim back from their taxable income, the costs of any donations made.

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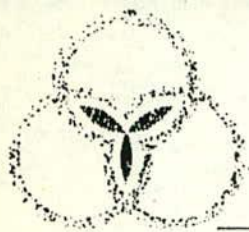
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Media Release - 23 December '94

WOODCHIP COURT ACTIONS AWAIT POLITICAL RESPONSE

Legal actions to challenge export woodchip licences in the Federal court have been deferred for one month to allow the political process to exhaust the possibilities for solution, according to the North Coast Environment Council President, Mr Terry Parkhouse.

"We have chosen to delay our legal challenges to force the politicians to address the community's outrage at increased woodchipping and the issuing of new woodchip licences. We will not hand the Government an 'out', so that they can simply leave these concerns to environmentalists and the courts," said Mr Parkhouse.

"Keating and Beddall made this mess themselves and it's their responsibility to sort it out," he said.

Mr Parkhouse said that if the Prime Minister and Minister for Resources did not resolve concerns at the targeting of high conservation value forests and the lack of Commonwealth environmental impact assessment, the environment council would have little choice but to pursue legal strategies available to it.

The likelihood of legal proceedings to challenge the woodchip export licence issued to BORAL company Sawmillers Export P/L (SEP/L), and the new licence issued to Brisbane based Queensland Hardwood Resources, increased significantly last week following the Council's recognition as "an aggrieved party" by the Federal Court in a decision handed down on Friday (16/12/1994) by Mr Justice Sackville.

"We cannot accept Mr Keating's lacklustre offer of a 'better process next year' as being in any way adequate. He has done nothing to protect the 1300 forests of high conservation value identified by Senator Faulkner, and he appears quite disinterested in taking any active steps to ensure that these precious forests are effectively protected," he said.

Mr Parkhouse said that if Mr Keating wanted to 'claw back any credibility with the environment movement' he must find the ways and means to protect these areas in the next month.

"Labor Party members, supporters and voters have been duped into thinking Keating was 'fair dinkum' in wanting to solve the forestry confrontations that have plagued Australian society for decades. The Prime Minister's confidence trick has now been exposed, creating an anger and disillusionment from which he may never recover," Mr Parkhouse said.

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NORTH EAST FOREST ALLIANCE

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Media Release - 28 December 1994

KEATING CREATES FOREST EMERGENCY

An emergency meeting of the North East Forest Alliance has been called for early January to prepare non-violent direct action protest strategies in the wake of the Federal Resources Minister's renewal of BORAL's export woodchip licence & the issue of a new licence for the export of woodchip from north east NSW through the port of Brisbane.

This follows Prime Minister Keating's failure last week to protect any of the 495 forest areas of high conservation value in north east NSW nominated for protection from woodchipping under the National Forest Policy by Federal Environment Minister, Senator Faulkner.

"Despite the vast majority of people, more than 80%, wanting 'old growth' forest protected and export woodchipping ended, the timber industry and politicians are intent on accelerating the destruction of 'old growth' forest, wilderness and endangered species," said NEFA spokesperson Mr John Corkill.

"We have all but given up on politicians saving these exquisite areas of ancient forest. Once again it's up to people power to intervene between these environmental jewels and the bulldozers," said Mr Corkill.

The 495 are part of 1300 areas across Australia proposed for logging in 1995, identified as being of high conservation value in detailed advice by Senator Faulkner to Resources Minister, David Beddall.

"Beddall ignored Senator Faulkner's advice and issued the woodchip export licences, but it was Paul Keating who refused to allow the issue to be resolved by Cabinet and who intervened to ensure Faulkner's advice was not accepted. The Prime Minister has to personally accept ultimate responsibility for the acrimonious confrontations which will surely follow," Mr Corkill said.

Mr Corkill said that Mr Keating had betrayed the public and reneged on his promise to enforce the National Forest Policy Statement moratorium which states that *'forest management agencies will avoid activities that may significantly affect those areas of old growth forests and wilderness that are likely to contain high conservation values.'*

"That these forests are of irreplaceable ecological value is beyond doubt. The Department of Environment prepared these lists of HCV forests, based on the best advice available to the Commonwealth. North east NSW has a hugely diverse forest biology. No-one can credibly claim that these forests are not worth saving," he said.

Mr Corkill said that the culture of protest was now certain to develop into a major element of the Australian society, and would become endemic across the continent.

"NEFA's protests and defensive protest actions will be paralleled by blockades and forest occupations in Tasmania, West Australia, Victoria and south east NSW until the Federal election, or until Keating comes to his senses," he said.

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Media Release - 29 December 1994

ABANDON STUDIES for FOREST PROTESTS

The North East Forest Alliance has called on students to defer their further studies and public servants to take leave for at least 12 months to join its planned non-violent forest protest actions.

"Young, energetic men and women are urgently needed to intervene between bulldozers and exquisite ancient forests to ensure these forests' survival. We especially need young people with quick intellects, self confidence, a sense of daring and a commitment to caring for the natural environment," said NEFA spokesperson Mr John Corkill.

"This is *beyond* urgent. We have an ecological disaster of massive proportions unfolding NOW! We are at a forest crisis point where we cannot contemplate the loss of anymore old growth forest or wilderness. For survivals sake, no area of endangered species habitat can be sacrificed. The timber industry knows the next 12 -18 months is the critical time and we MUST make the same recognition and act accordingly," Mr Corkill said.

"It's crucial that people in the cities, who can travel, respond to this call to the forests' defence."

Mr Corkill said that the mobilisation of protestors have been made essential by the Federal Resources Minister's renewal of export woodchipping licences & Prime Minister Keating's failure to protect any of the 495 forest areas of high conservation value in north east NSW nominated for protection under the National Forest Policy by Federal Environment Minister, Senator Faulkner.

"We hope there are many young people out there who see their contribution to society as more than simply earning a pay packet or holding down a job for the sake of it. If wilderness and 'old growth' forests are to survive the Keating Labor Government, the culture of student protest must be revived and translated into the remote rural environment," said Mr Corkill.

Mr Corkill said that during protests over the past 5 years, many NEFA activists had developed essential bush survival skills, ecological understandings and forest protest 'know how' which they were prepared to pass on to a new wave of protestors.

"The hard core of activists who have stood firm against the forest destruction ordered by the Greiner and Fahey governments now need re-inforcements. We are urging young people to reconsider what is really valuable in Australian society, and make a decision for the forests, endangered species, koorii cultural heritage and long term water quality.

"In return for their commitment to non-violent protest, we can offer young protestors the gratitude of the creatures and people of the future, a wild and exciting lifestyle and the opportunity to visit & defend places rarely seen by white people," Mr Corkill said.

"Come prepared for a long and perhaps bitter struggle with loggers and woodchippers. Bring your swag, tools and instruments & your sense of humour, but please, no dogs!" he said.

Mr Corkill called on volunteer protestors to contact an environment centre in any regional centre for more information and directions to protest sites.

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Woodchips could be another Third Runway for Bob Carr

The Australian Conservation Foundation today commended Bob Carr for supporting the Hon. John Faulkner, Federal Minister for the Environment, on the export woodchip licence renewals.

"The ACF sees it as very significant that a State Labor leader would support Federal intervention in New South Wales," said Peter Wright, National Biodiversity Campaigner for the Australian Conservation Foundation.

"Bob Carr has recognised that the protection of our forests is an important election issue in NSW," said Mr Wright. "I expect that he doesn't want to be embarrassed by a poor Commonwealth decision on the woodchip licences, as he has been by the Third Runway."

"Like the conservation movement, Bob Carr appears unhappy with the decision by Federal Resources Minister David Beddall on the Boral licence for north-eastern NSW. Senator Faulkner had attempted to implement the National Forest Policy, but Mr Beddall dumped most of his advice."

"Clearly the Prime Minister's intervention is needed and Bob Carr has recognised that," said Mr Wright. "He has echoed conservation group calls for the Prime Minister to get involved in the woodchip issue."

"He has also very sensibly acknowledged the need to take high conservation value areas out of production to ensure that they are fully assessed and properly protected."

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Dear Editor

Two years ago this Council wrote about the water supply problems on the North Coast. In that letter this Council claimed the authorities always left it too late to impose restrictions instead of gradual imposition; that there was a thinking that as soon as it rained all would be right; that people have failed to recognise that drought is a recurring feature; that we have not adopted a conserving attitude to water; that we can alter our forested catchments without harm to our water resources.

Nothing seems to have changed in the thinking of our political masters in these past two years.

Two years ago there was a reluctance to impose restrictions until the very last minute. The last two months we read where Councils state because there is still two months supply in the dam no further restrictions are necessary.

The rivers and ground water will not be recharged by the first few showers of rain. It will take weeks and months of soaking rain. And in those areas where there have been bush fires much of the water will run off with soil and seed and not soak in.

The people who depend on rainwater tanks know that it does not take many showers of rain to top up the tanks. What encouragement, particularly financial, has been given by Local Government to householders to instal water tanks?

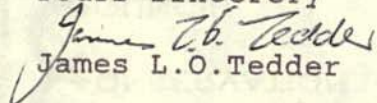
How many Councils have adopted rating systems to ensure that the heaviest water user pays the most?

How many Councils have examined their sewage disposal systems with a view to re-using the treated water or encouraging other systems instead of water borne centrally treated systems? How many financial incentives have been offered to householders to instal dual flush or minimum flush cisterns? Such incentives would be cheaper than expensive massive dams or bore fields.

What care has been given our catchment areas? To protect them from fires and stop old growth logging? It is a proven fact that old growth forest use less water than re growth forests. Because of the protection given to the soil old growth forest lets water out slowly and thus keeps the streams flowing steadily.

When are we going to realise that this drought is just not a one off occurrence. There will be more and there will be each year a larger population using the limited water resource.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James L.O. Tedder".
James L.O. Tedder Hon. Sec.

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COURT CHALLENGE TO WOODCHIP EXPORT LICENCES CLEARS FIRST HURDLE

NORTH COAST ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL Inc.

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Media Release - Thursday, 3rd November '94

No end to woodchips: Beddall

Export woodchipping from NE NSW will continue beyond the year 2000, despite a growing outcry, at increased volumes, contrary to stated Commonwealth policy. The Federal Minister for Resources has rejected the Environment Minister's advice for environmental controls, according to official Ministerial correspondence released today by North Coast Environment Council.

Council President, Mr Terry Parkhouse said that Resources Minister, Mr David Beddall's new 15 month woodchip export licence to BORAL's subsidiary, "flouted the policy announced by Prime Minister Keating". Mr Parkhouse said Mr Beddall had rejected most of the recommendations made by Environment Minister, Senator John Faulkner on the Sawmillers Export woodchip licence and had failed to implement the Government policy to "end to export woodchipping by the year 2000".

"Two Commonwealth Ministers are at loggerheads and cannot agree. Instead of making progress the Resources Minister will substantially increase the volume of woodchips exported from the Port of Newcastle, to more than half a million tonnes a year," Mr Parkhouse said.

Mr Parkhouse said Mr Beddall's letter to Sawmillers Export parent company Boral Timber, notes: "I understand that Sawmillers Export may seek to export more than 500,000 tonnes a year, in the period covered by the enclosed licence. I will consider issuing an additional licence to cover the increased volume if that proves necessary."

He said that in addition to these "serious contradictions" Mr Beddall also advised Senator Faulkner that he intends to "consider providing SEPL with 'in-principle' approval for woodchip exports covering at least the period 1996 to 2000."

"On all counts Minister Beddall has acted contrary to the stated Commonwealth government position as announced by Prime Minister Keating in the Industry Statement of 12 March 1991 and as confirmed by Senator Faulkner in the Senate on 30 June 1994," said Mr Parkhouse.

"Unless the PM pulls Mr Beddall into line, north coast NSW will have very few environmental protection conditions as recommended by Senator Faulkner, the volume of woodchips obtained will exceed 500,000 tonnes a year and exports would go on beyond the year 2000," he said.

"If this were not bad enough, the Department of Primary Industries has confirmed that it is currently considering an application from a Brisbane based company Queensland Hardwood Resources to export 140,000 tonnes of woodchips a year, obtained from between Rockhampton and Coffs Harbour. If this is approved northern NSW will be supplying two woodchip licences and the area between Grafton and Coffs Harbour will be supplying pulp operations," Mr Parkhouse said.

Mr Parkhouse said that the concerns of north coast environmentalists would be expressed to the Keating government at the National Forest Embassy being held in Canberra 4 - November.

He said that the new SEP/L export woodchipping licence would become a major new focus in the Federal Court legal challenge to Minister Beddall's decisions, already underway in Sydney. Early in October the Minister failed to have the case rejected by the Court, who found that the case should be heard and ordered the Minister to pay the Council's legal costs.

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Dear Editor,

We are all expressing concern about the drought and the hardships for humans and the other parts of the natural living world.

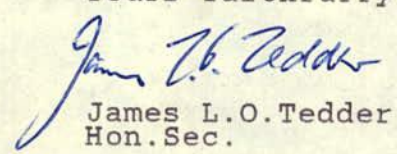
Yet there are two matters largely under our control and which exacerbate our situation but few of us bother to make the connections .

Long and extensive studies in the Thompson river catchment of the Melbourne water supply area has shown that old growth forest areas supply, throughout the year, fifty percent more water than regrowth forests. Now that our coastal rivers are dropping in flow rates few of us are making this connection and asking that logging is kept out of the remaining old growth forest areas.

Every day there are reports of " fires breaking out". Why are the authorities and/or the media so coy that they cannot report that arsonists have lit a fire or that a foolish/uncaring landholder has lit a fire which has escaped. Fires burn the ground cover, the leaf mould and the debris which carpets the forest floor. To the fire authorities this is fuel. To the ecologist, to the water harvester this ground cover is valuable to slow the rate of runoff when the rain eventually comes. This cover will help control erosion, allow the water to enter the water aquifers and re-charge the springs and ground water. With a burnt forest floor the rain will rush quickly off. But are we making this connection between these fires and our future water supplies ?

Frequent burning of the forests dries them out and makes them more prone to fire, according to a study done by fire control authorities in Tasmania. Yet our forest authorities are reluctant to adopt such findings and continue broad scale fuel reduction burning. There is need to reduce fuel around houses and towns and fire often has to be used but why broadscale burning when it can affect our water supply ?

Yours faithfully


James L.O. Tedder
Hon. Sec.

10 October 1994

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Media Release - Wednesday 12 October '94

MORE WOODCHIP 'MADNESS'

A new woodchip export licence issued yesterday by Federal Minister for Resources has been described today by the North Coast Environment Council President, Mr Terry Parkhouse as 'more woodchip madness'.

"The Ministers office has today confirmed that Mr Beddall has issued a new woodchip export licence to Boral subsidiary company Sawmillers Export P/L, but he is being very coy about exactly what his decisions has been, and how many of Environment Minister John Faulkner's recommendations he has incorporated into the new licence," Mr Parkhouse said.

He said that the Environment Council had tried today, several times, to obtain a copy of the decision, but the Minister's office insisted that requests for information were put in writing.

"We have now made a written request. We also asked Federal MP for Page Mr Harry Woods to also seek copies of the relevant information, but his office too was asked to make a written request.

Mr Parkhouse said that the Minister Beddall's decision was curious, since it followed his failure to convince the Federal Court on Friday 7 October to 'strike out' the legal proceedings already commenced by the Environment Council.

"We're all still waiting to find out exactly what conditions have been attached by the Minister for Resources. We don't know how Mr Beddall reconciles this new licence with the Minister for the Environment's and the 1991 Premier's conference plans to phase out export woodchipping by the year 2000," he said.

Mr Parkhouse said that the Environment Council would be seeking urgent legal advice once the exact decision of the Minister was known.

"We are certainly planning an appeal of this new licence in the Federal Court," he said.

Mr Parkhouse said that he would make further comment as more information came to hand.

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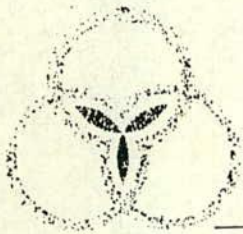
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NORTH COAST ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL INC.

MEDIA RELEASE 4th October 1994 CLUB MED DECISION "A WIN FOR THE PUBLIC"

The legal decision that Byron Council's approval of the Club Med Resort was invalid due to not demanding a Fauna Impact Study is welcomed by the North Coast Environment Council Inc.

"There are many other similar examples where Councils are ignoring this requirement. In fact there is another case under appeal involving the same Council" said Terry Parkhouse President of N.C.E.C.

"Public participation in the decision making process at all government levels is only tokenism" he added.

"Public participation is enshrined in the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979, however, what the public expects and what the public gets are two different things. We in the environment movement know it as we are the ones who participate and respond to the surveys, the enquiries, the committees, the E.I.S.s and the forums and suffer the disappointment of being ignored.

Legal action is a last desperate resort because of the frustration of being ignored".

Mr. Parkhouse said that N.C.E.C. and its member groups had recently instigated six legal cases because the public were being ignored in the planning and approval processes.

Three involved Local Councils, two State Government departments and one Commonwealth department.

"One of the reasons that our council membership is at an all time high is due to the frustrations that the public is experiencing at the hands of the decision makers and are forming action groups to fight this intransigence." he said.

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6 Dec 91

The Editor

Sir,

There has been some astounding rubbish broadcast in the past few weeks about the water supplies on the North Coast.

The first nonsense is that it is not necessary to impose very severe restrictions at this time as (according to one authority) "there is a supply sufficient for two months in the dam even though the river has ceased to flow." What happens then if the river has not started to flow again?

The second nonsense is that as soon as there has been "some" rain the ground waters will be re-charged and we can return to our profligate ways of water use. This drought has really dried out the ground and it may take many weeks if not months of good rain to re-charge the ground waters.

The third nonsense has been the failure of many of the authorities to recognise that drought is a recurring feature of Australia's climate and we should learn to live within the constraints of drought not treat it as unusual. One of the possible effects of the Green house phenomena is that there will be more extremes with bad droughts as well as heavier rains.

The fourth nonsense has been the failure to adopt conservative measures in our use of water. Our solutions have all centred around large storage dams in some ones elses back yard. Such measures encourage the use of water because people believe that the dam can never run dry. We encourage the use of out dated sewage disposal systems even in the smallest settlement which use vast quantities of potable water and end by throwing the nutrient rich mix into the sea.

The fifth nonsense has been the failure to protect our catchments adequately. Young re-growth forests use large amounts of water; old growth forests allow larger quantities of water to come slowly into the catchment system while steep land cleared for agriculture or grazing encourage fast run off and poor re-charge of the soil. Prescribed burning removes the leaf litter which not only acts as a protector for the soil and thus slowing erosion but enables better recharge of the underground sources.

And what may be the solutions?

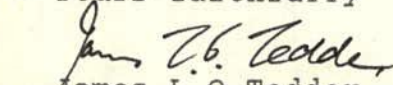
- treat water as precious
- insist that every house instal rainwater catchment
- change to different sewage disposal systems which require minimum use of water
- charge for every litre of water used. This was done in Newcastle with the result that the average householder paid less and consumption fell by some 30%
- provide facilities for use of grey water (showers, laundries etc) on gardens
- where conventional sewage systems are required use dual

flush cisterns and pipe back the treated effluent to use for flushing or on gardens
- give greater protection to water catchments
- adopt policies of providing for our own water supply and disposal of wastes in our own "back yard" not just remove our problem to some ones elses "back yard"

And how will we pay for all this ? Just think how much a conventional storage dam costs and think how many water tanks can be provided for that sum. Think of the boost for local employment and industry. Dams are built by large companies from the cities. Their contribution to the local economy is minimal.

There will be opposition to such moves. There always are to new ideas particularly from those trained in the older systems. But most of those ideas came from Europe many years ago and they are having a rethink. This is Australia lets start coming up with our own solutions to the problems peculiar to this country.

Yours faithfully


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NEWS RELEASE

2 June 1994

PLANTATION INITIATIVE WELCOMED

No one believes the Premier when he claims that the establishment of new plantations can save old growth when other actions by the Government are allowing them to be logged at the rate of 50% of the States sawlog cut according to the President of the North Coast Environment Council Mr. Parkhouse

The recently announced proposal to provide extra funding for eucalypt plantations is welcomed by the Council said Terry Parkhouse.

It has been the policy of this Council for many years that more plantations of mixed eucalypt species should be established so that the pressures can be taken off native forests. We believe that the move by the Premier is in response to our concerns about the over cutting of the native forests and the need of a value adding, ecologically sustainable timber industry in this State.

The Council has no problem with the granting of the right to harvest such plantations so long as these rights go hand in hand with an environmental code of practice which protects such things as soil, water and are established in areas of cleared land suitable for harvesting.

The objective of planting must be stated right from the outset so that plantings for environmental protection purposes cannot later be claimed to be for commercial purposes.

The recently determined EIS for the Kempsey-Wauchope management areas target most of the remaining old growth

forest in the next ten years .

The Premier promised when he signed the National Forest Policy Statement in December 1992 that until assessments of old growth forests are made "forest management agencies will avoid activities that may significantly affect those areas of old growth forest or wilderness that are likely to have high conservation value". Until the Government carries out the agreement in that Statement no old growth forest is safe. Some 50% of sawlogs in NSW come from such forests. The Council hopes that State Forests will overcome their previous reluctance to promote eucalypt plantations and move swiftly to establish new ones, particularly on the western slopes and tablelands. The previous APM plantations established around Bellingen in the 1960s are now proving profitable for State Forests even though 75% are going for chips and the balance for saw logs. It is a pity that the Forest Commission had not moved with more speed and foresight in those days.

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Mr Parkhouse said that if the appeal was successful, the Batson's quarry approval would be set aside and the case would have to be re-considered by the Land and Environment Court, in line with the Court of Appeal's judgement.

"A win in the Court of Appeal should set a standard for Fauna Impact Statements, and may compel the Land and Environment Court to refuse the current application and order a fresh Development Application to be prepared," he said.

"If that happens the company must ensure that all relevant reports and supporting information are of a proper standard and are available to the public for the required periods of time"

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~~NEWS~~ RELEASE - Monday 6 June 1994

BATSON'S QUARRY CASE APPEAL WELCOMED

Issues of significance for the north coast generally and the whole state were at stake in the recent judgement on the Batson's quarry case, by Justice Marla Pearlman, said the President of the North Coast Environment Council Inc., Mr Terry Parkhouse.

"These issues include proper standards for fauna impact statements; recognising real and avoidable threats to endangered species; the public's right to timely, accurate information, and the proper roles for local councils and the Land & Environment Court in considering for approval, large-scale, long-term development proposals with major environmental impacts," he said.

Mr Parkhouse said that the Broken Head Protection Committee had lodged an appeal on Friday 3 June 1994, asking that the NSW Court of Appeal rule on two questions of law relevant to these issues, relied on by Chief Justice Pearlman in approving Batson's quarry.

These questions are whether :

1. a Fauna Impact Statement under s.92D NPW Act needs to be publicly exhibited as a mandatory pre-requisite for a council or the Court to make a decision on a development likely to significantly affect endangered species;
2. the Court's approval of the sand mine is certain or final given that, Condition A53 (which 'quarantines' part of the proposed mine site pending the preparation of a formal Fauna Impact Statement and its review by NPWS) reserves to another time and another authority a matter which the consent authority should have decided at the time of approval.

The appeal has been mounted by Mr Peter Helman, as a member and on behalf of the Broken Head Protection Committee (BHPC). Mr Helman and BHPC were parties to the proceedings in the Land and Environment Court. BHPC is a member of the North Coast Environment Council Inc.

"North Coast Environment Council believes that further legal action is appropriate on this case, via an appeal to a superior court, because Her Honours judgement decision has raised more important issues than it has resolved, and if left unchallenged, will have an effect well beyond one sand mine in Byron shire, with far greater consequences," said Mr Parkhouse.

Mr Parkhouse said that Justice Pearlman had found that Byron Council's original approval of the quarry had been unlawful. He said that the legal action had also revealed Council's subsidy to the quarry, from a four year 'holiday' on road repair contributions due to Council, estimated to be worth \$150,000.

"Byron Council and the developer are apparently not prepared to admit this, ignoring the Court's judgement and the numerous additional conditions added by Her Honour," said Mr Parkhouse.

"Unfortunately, Her Honour included a condition which is clearly not appropriate and she appears to have set the standard for Fauna Impact Statements at a new low. The appeal will allow these matters to be considered by a higher Court," he said.

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NEWS RELEASE 10 May 1994

The height of hypocrisy is how the President of the North Coast Environment Council described the proposal of State Forests to encourage the rescue of glossy black cockatoos and similar hollow nesting birds.

Mr. Parkhouse was commenting on a proposal broadcast on the ABC Mid North Coast radio today where by State Forests are arranging for people to collect eggs or chicks which may be found and forward them for rearing and breeding in Canberra. The greatest threat to the survival of birds such as the glossy black cockatoo, sooty and powerful owls, yellow tailed black cockatoo and many other species both bird and mammal is the destruction of their habitat.

The recent determination of the Kempsey-Wauchope management areas EIS has targetted much of the remaining old growth forest for logging. It is the large and old trees found in such forests that provide the nesting hollows for many of the endangered species that are unique to Australia. But it is not only the old growth forest which are being destroyed but we have seen areas of casuarina forest, main food trees of the glossy black cockatoo, bulldozed by State Forests to be replaced by blackbutt.

Because the forests have been overcut for years, and in the case of parts of the Kempsey and Urunga Management areas, still being overcut, then State Forests are finding it more and more difficult to find the timber that their political masters have promised. Therefore forests are being cut far

more intensively than in the early days and wildlife is suffering .

State Forests need to do two things to help wildlife

- * refrain from cutting old growth forests particularly in the better soil areas

- * improve the extent and cover of their wildlife corridors and filter strips in the regrowth forests.

These measures will lead to some loss of timber resources but these losses are going to occur later at the present rate of cutting.

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NEWS RELEASE

ANOTHER FAILED EIS FROM THE FORESTRY COMMISSION

The recently released EIS for the forestry management areas of Kempsey and Wauchope is another exercise in wasting public funds said Terry Parkhouse President for the North Coast Environment Council

The first problem is that though the EIS was done as one exercise -was it to save expence ? - the two management areas are quite different and the suggested management regimes should have been done separately.

There are a number of proposed new forest reserves but the bulk of these are in the poorer forest types in the Kempsey area .There are few details as to how these reserves were selected and why. In some instances these reserves have already been logged or are too steep and in any case many are in vacant Crown land and not State forests.

The identification of the old growth areas appears to have been done in a very arbitrary way with no indication as to what criteria have been used to identify the areas .

There appears to be little recognition of the National Forest Policy Statement which states interalia that old growth areas should be assessed on an accepted criteria and meanwhile those areas should be protected. It is believed that the State Government is pushing the Commonwealth to accept the EIS proceedure as the assessment criteria for assessing old growth. Heaven help the remaining old growth in these management areas if this EIS is accepted .

There is a statement that the Kempsey quotas are to be adjusted downwards but no figures are given .

There is quite a deal of speculation as to the effects on

employment if various alternate cutting cycles are adopted but no consideration of the jobs to be gained by value adding. One mill in the Kempsey area is increasing employment and doing so by value adding to salvage logs. This type of operation should be given precedence over mills which do not value add.

It appears that the EIS does not examine the second cutting cycle in the Kempsey area yet there are indications that there will be very little timber in the beginning of the cycle in 2009 and if the predictions of yield in the remaining period of this cutting cycle are over stated then there will be earlier mill closures and loss of employment. The examination of this EIS is very difficult and will take a great deal more time to do it justice but it appears that much of importance has been left unsaid such as the old growth area of Granite creek. This area is believed to be the largest unlogged coastal blackbutt forest but it is in an area with steep slopes and has excellent wild life habitat. It would appear to be a prime area for conservation.

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NEWSRELEASE

DESTRUCTION OF NORTH OCEAN SHORES BY A THOUSAND CUTS

Why is the Minister of Planning seemingly content to allow the continuing destruction of the natural values of North Ocean Shores asks Terry Parkhouse President of the North Coast Environment Council.

As Minister for Heritage matters Mr. Webster appears to allow by default the continued destruction of the important natural values of this rare piece of coast line.

Both the Minister of Planning and the Minister of Environment have been notified of the clearing and damage being done to the vegetation, the Aboriginal sites and the wetlands. The Heritage Council has been asked to place an Interim Conservation Order or a stop work order over the area to allow the reported damage to be properly investigated but there has been no action. Perhaps the Government is hoping that there will be nothing to save by the time they have to make a decision.

In 1990 there was a Commission of Inquiry and Commissioner Simpson recommended that the area must be protected. The National Park Service has shown interest in the area but they do not have the funds to purchase. The area has been zoned to protect the important sites but the Byron Council has taken no action when vegetation is deliberately slashed in a 7K habitat zone land.

The area has a number of rare and endangered species of plants and animals yet the Byron Council has not sought a Fauna Impact Statement before the latest development application.

Twenty years of study and the Commission of Inquiry should

have come up with the correct zoning so why is the Byron Council now interested in re-zoning the area.

North Ocean Shores is one of the most significant natural areas left on the North Coast. It should be the aim of Local Government as well as the State Government to ensure that this small remanant should be afforded the highest protection possible .Instead it appears that the authorities see bricks and mortar as more important than Australias heritage.

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North Coast Environment Council Press Release

Fears of 'ash wednesday' type bushfires on the NC are unfounded according to NCEC spokesperson Andrew Kilvert.

It is nonsense to suggest fire conditions on the NC are similar to those in Victoria.

The North Coast is a subtropical region which is typified by wet summers and moist forest types as opposed to the long dry summers and highly flammable forest types of the temperate region. Ash wednesday fear campaigns are not the logical way to approach fire management issues on the North Coast Mr Kilvert said.

These comments follow a three day conference on Fire Management in NSW at Coffs Harbour last week where one commentator raised fears of ash wednesday style fires on the North Coast.

Mr Kilvert hailed the conference as a success because despite representing a wide range of views and opinions the general consensus was that specific areas and management objectives require specific fire approaches not the broad scale 'hazard reduction' approach being advocated by the Dep of Bush Fire Services.

The Tasmanian studies are showing us that so called hazard reduction burning is creating a more flammable forest type and thus increasing the long term fire hazard Mr Kilvert said.

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The logical way to approach fire management issues

NCEC press release

The North Coast is ~~very~~ unlikely to experience weather conditions which will lead to the "ash wednesday" bushfire phenomenon. A spokesperson for the North Coast Environment Council Mr Andrew Kilvert said today. These comments were made in response to claims, by Mr Phillip Koperberg of the Department of Bush fire services, that the North Coast is facing a bushfire season of "ash wednesday" potential.

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As a result of the specific climatic conditions on the North Coast the NCEC is planning a fire conference to deal exclusively with this area. Mr Kilvert said.

Bush Fire Department

9 Aug 93
Issued by Andrew



To Clarence Environment Centre
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Comments please

NEWSRELEASE

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A world scale ,polluting pulpmill ,using much of the diminishing forest resource of the North Coast appears to be still on the program of the Liberal National Coalition Terry Parkhouse President of the North Coast Environment Council was commenting on the lack of response to a question sent to all National Party candidates in North Coast electorates two weeks ago.

All the candidates were asked to obtain a written assurance from Dr.Hewson that the huge pulp mill for Grafton would not be fast tracked if all studies were not complete and there was wide spread public opposition.

It appears that the candidates have not been able to obtain that assurance so we must conclude that the threat of the fast tracking of a world scale bleaching pulp mill is very real and the voters should be aware.

Such a mill would do little to relieve unemployment on the Coast and in fact there is a very real danger that unemployment would increase as small mills lost their timber resource to the chippers, fishing declined as rivers became polluted ,and honey production fell along with the trees. Perhaps the 10,000 signators on the Political Ultimatum which in 1988 claimed they would vote against any government which allowed a chemical pulp mill to operate on the North Coast will remember their promise on Saturday.

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Att: Editor

PRESS RELEASE; COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL FOR FOREST POLICY UNIT

The North Coast Environment Council (NCEC) are calling upon the NSW Government to involve ^{the} community ~~* representatives in the formulation of the new~~ Forest Policy Unit, being implemented by Minister for Land and Water Management, George Souris.

**by setting up an independent community based committee to advise*

"It's crucial that interested parties be involved in the management of public resources, to assist in the resolution of community conflict" said , spokesperson for the NCEC. "

The Forest Policy-Unit due to be implemented by September, is to provide advice on national and state forest policy. Minister Souris stated that the unit will consult widely with the community and include issues such as long-term wood supply strategies, environmental protection legislation, regulatory aspects of forest marketing and resource security.(Daily Examiner 10/7/1993)

"There exists a potential to create North East NSW's timber industry into an innovative industry based on ecologically sustainable principles. To achieve this we propose that a balanced Steering Committee, comprised of representatives of all major interest group be established for ~~North East~~ NSW."

"It is critical that this committee be apolitical and include a balanced range of community attitudes to ensure that the process is indeed impartial and based on science and not rhetoric."

"The initiation of a massive plantation management programme is required, which will increase the productivity of selected regrowth forests by thinning, and assist the development of new products and markets."

"Reafforestation schemes currently underway in North East NSW will provide a resource base for speciality purpose high value rainforest and eucalypt timbers, while creating jobs for local communities."

"We have it within our ability to plan our future so that it is environmentally and economically sustainable. However this can only be achieved through informed public participation in land use decisions."

MEDIA RELEASE

MINISTER FOR
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATIONMINISTER ANNOUNCES FOREST POLICY UNIT9th July, 1993

The Minister for Land and Water Conservation, George Souris, has announced the establishment of a Forest Policy Unit within the Department of Conservation and Land Management.

Mr Souris said the small, highly expert unit will provide advice on national and state forest policy covering both public and private forest operations.

"With the commercialisation of the Forestry Commission underway, it is important that a forest policy capacity be developed outside the Commission, but within the Land and Water Conservation portfolio," The Minister said.

"The Unit will provide policy support and encouragement to the forest sector generally.

"It will be responsible for the development and review of legislative proposals affecting forestry, ensure consistency of codes of forest practices across Forestry Commission and private sector forests, and take a lead role on issues of national forest policy.

"The Unit will consult widely to ensure policies are relevant to the community, industry and the Government.

"Issues such as long-term wood supply strategies, environmental protection legislation, regulatory aspects of forestry marketing and resource security, will fall within the scope of the Unit.

"It will consist of a Director at SES level, who will be responsible directly to the Director-General of CaLM.

"There will also be one senior policy analyst, two policy analysts and an administrative assistant, and I expect the Unit to be operational by mid-September," Mr Souris said.

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MEDIA RELEASE

(for immediate release)

September 9, 1992

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News Release

The threat by the Minister responsible for forests of the use of draconian laws and inappropriate civil actions against protesters in the forests, following the heavy fines imposed on several people on the South Coast, smacks of a double standard.

Terry Parkhouse President of the North Coast Environment Council said that the NSW Government in December 1992 together with other State Governments signed the National Forest Policy Statement. This policy will protect old growth forests and lands with wilderness values.

The relevant State authorities will as a matter of "high priority undertake assessment of forests for conservation values and of forested land for wilderness values"

Furthermore this policy will "avoid activities that may significantly affect those areas of old growth forest or wilderness that are likely to have high conservation values"

Both in the Duela proposed wilderness areas and in old growth forest on the Bulga behind Taree the Forestry Commission has ignored this National Forest Policy which the Premier in December solemnly signed.

The Policy may not be a law in a legal sense but morally it is .Or is the promise "not worth the paper it is printed on" ? Meanwhile verbal abuse, civil court action and heavy fines are thrown at protesters who are doing what the Government said it would do when it signed the Forest Policy Statement back in December and that is attempting to stop State authorities "significantly affecting those areas likely to have conservation values"

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NEWS RELEASE - Thursday 9 Sept. 92

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27 March 92

Dear Mr Weare,

On Friday morning 27 March the morning announcer Jim Tribe interviewed a spokeswoman for the Forest Protection Society concerning an accident at a Grafton sawmill. The Forest Protection Society spokeswoman said that the accident had been caused by a metal spike in a log and implied again and again that this was the work of persons opposed to logging.

There was no attempt by the interviewer to elicit what evidence the spokeswoman had for making such a claim. Though she talked of "fringe terrorists" and mentioned the purported sabotage of a bulldozer a few weeks prior to this event, the whole tenor of the interview targetted anyone opposed to the present logging regime.

She produced no evidence as to the source of the spike, the time it had been in the tree or any other evidence to connect to persons opposed to present forest operations to such an event.

The ABC has previously broadcast a story of the firing of a Grafton mill. Again this was blamed on the "greenies". A subsequent inquiry revealed that the fire had been started by a mill worker.

Your present morning announcer has done a number of interviews in the last few months which have been very unbalanced and one at least which was libellous.

I would appreciate your views on this morning's interview.

Yours sincerely,

James L.O. Tedder.

Copy to General Manager ABC
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6 May 91

NEWS RELEASE

Government's decision to spend \$120,000 to re create a problem in Yuraygir National Park sounds like a story from Alice in Wonderland.

Mr Terry Parkhouse, President of the North Coast Environment Council was commenting on the Government's decision to reopen the 4WD track from Angourie into Shelley beach. The track was closed some four years ago as the vehicles were creating serious erosion problems and destroying areas of wet heath and other vegetation. Some visitors who were used to driving their 4WD vehicles into the area were upset/^{but} the Service constructed a scenic walking track as an alternative and this has proved very popular.

Now the Government has pandered to a small minority of 4WD owners and intends to spend \$120,000 of taxpayers money so they, the drivers, don't have to walk the scenic coastline track. The previous damage which caused closure of the earlier road will now re occur and the Park's natural values will be subordinated to providing yet another area for vehicles. Already the Park's coastline of 60 km can now be reached or driven along over 45km so it is not a situation where those unable to walk cannot enjoy the Park.

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19th October, 1990

FINGAL: HERE WE GO AGAIN

"Will the ALP never learn?" asked Terry Parkhouse, President of the North Coast Environment Council (NCEC) today. "It was the ALP that brought inappropriate coastal development to Fingal. In January 1988 Ocean Blue donated \$20,000 to the ALP. In February 1988 the ALP State Government gave Ocean Blue approval to submit a development application for Fingal. Now in October 1990 the ALP is proposing another tourist resort for Fingal. The ALP are again appearing little different from the National Party. Without the efforts of the conservation and Aboriginal movements to oppose Ocean Blue and expose the corruption demonstrated by ICAC it is unlikely Neville Newell would be in Federal Parliament today. I ask again, will the ALP never learn?"

For some time the NCEC, the Australian Conservation Foundation and the Nature Conservation Council of NSW have been working to ensure a negotiated settlement with the Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council, as the most just, appropriate and secure way of protecting the unquestionable environmental values and deep Aboriginal significance of the Crown Land at Fingal. In response to these initiatives, talks are being held between the Land Council and the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) which have already resulted in the NPWS lifting its objections to Aboriginal Land Claims over most of the northern half of Fingal peninsula. The NCEC is appalled that the ALP has again adopted a policy which would allow resort development, exploit this sensitive area for profit and block Aboriginal Land Claims.

The idea of a State Recreation Area for Fingal is clearly unacceptable to the NPWS. The Minister for the Environment, Mr. Tim Moore, has stated he has "...serious doubts that it is an appropriate use for an area of such environmental and Aboriginal heritage sensitivity" and that he has strong reservations about the cost of such a scheme. The ALP has also adopted the National Party's dubious proposal for massive dredging of the Tweed River to fund its scheme. This could have serious, irreversible environmental consequences.

Mr. Doyle's statements in announcing the ALP's policy are misleading and contain fantastic assumptions. Mr. Doyle seems unaware the negotiated settlement covers all Fingal Crown Land. Mr. Doyle seems unaware that all Crown Land at Fingal is subject to very strong Aboriginal Land Claims and that the NPWS has proposed an extensive Fingal Head Nature Reserve. Nobody wants to "lock up" Fingal. The NCEC welcomed the Minister for the Environment's letter stating the NPWS and Aboriginal Land Council's plans for the area will retain public access and existing recreational opportunities.

The reasons for the NPWS's interest is clear. The littoral rainforest remnants at Fingal have very high conservation status. Littoral rainforest is the least adequately preserved of all rainforests in NSW, representing less than 1% of remaining rainforest in NSW. The Fingal remnants are representative of the coastal forest of Gondwana, which Australia was a part of until about 65 million years ago, (Eucalypts evolved about 35 million years ago). These Fingal remnants contain at least 5 rare and endangered species, notably *Cryptocarya foetida*. Fingal is one of only two areas where this beautiful glossy leafed rainforest tree, matures, sets viable seed, and occurs in a viable population.

What Mr. Doyle doesn't understand is that an opportunity of international significance exists at Fingal to regenerate this rainforest along the southern half of Fingal, from which it was removed by sandmining, to link with the state significant wetlands around Wommin Lake. He seems unaware that a large part of the Tyagarah and Victoria Park Native Reserves has been degraded land identified for regeneration. The status of the land on which regeneration takes place, that is whether it is granted Aboriginal land or part of the proposed Fingal Head Native Reserve, is a matter for further discussion between the Land Council and NPWS.

It seems in the Tweed it continues to be difficult to distinguish the ALP and the Nationals.

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28/7/89

NEWS RELEASE

The Government's decision to dispose of Crown Land with insufficient time to assess it's conservation values is now followed by savage cuts in the National Parks & Wildlife Service staff who assess such values.

Terry Parkhouse, President of the North Coast Environment Council was commenting on recent heavy staff cuts made in the Park Service and new proposals to further reduce the Land Conservation Branch staff.

It appeared too that there would be massive cuts to funding for land acquisition thereby stopping the acquisition of important new National Parks and Native Reserves or additions to existing areas.

There are nearly 40% of the State's endangered and vulnerable plants not protected within National Parks or Reserves. Nearly half of these plants occur on the North Coast. In the Western Division of NSW nearly 90% of endangered and vulnerable plants have no protection. This is one area where Crown Land is likely to be sold without sufficient study as to its value for conserving valuable flora.

Efforts to conserve flora and fauna by private land holders will now be thwarted by the lack of expert staff in the National Park Service to advise land holders. The provision of Conservation Agreements and new Wilderness Declarations will not be possible without adequate National Park Service staff.

Local Government Councils trying to do the right thing by the environment will be unable to get advice from an already over stretched Park Service said Mr Parkhouse. It appears that once again the present Government is behind the public in its action on environmental issues, and another broken promise is added to the list.

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26/7/89.

COASTAL CROWN LAND SELL OFF !!

The North Coast Environment Council has described the State Government's proposal to sell and lease coastal Crown Land at Newrybar, in Ballina Shire as 'totally irresponsible'.

Mr Hugh Webster, a spokesman for the Environment Council said, 'The recent scrapping of the Crown Lands Conservation Policy removes the final hurdles preventing the wholesale disposal of important coastal habitat areas for development.

The Newrybar proposal to replace wetlands and heaths zoned for environmental protection with a golf course is a prime example. At Fingal Head and Mobbs Bay large environmentally insensitive tourism proposals are also on the drawing board for Public Land.'

The Environment Council claims that the proposal also contravenes the Government's recently released guidelines restricting the sale of Public Land to foreign investors.

'The company lobbying to purchase the land appears to have major American interests.

Only united public opposition to this and an ever increasing number of similar proposals to alienate Public Land will force the Government to respond to community concern and reverse their decision,' he said.

Further information/ interview:

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Dianne Mackey 066 857 768.

NEWS RELEASE

Scarce publicly owned coastal land is the target for a proposed development by a private company at Fingal near Tweed Heads.

Lyn Orrego, Vice President of the North Coast Environment Council was calling for objections to the proposed rezoning of coastal wetland and reserve, to be made to Tweed Shire Council before **31** July.

M/s Orrego said the rezoning would, if granted, permit the construction of a marina on a public reserve. Part of the area is a wetland supposedly protected under State Environmental Planning Policy No 14 and it contains three rare and endangered plants as well as the habitat for two uncommon birds - the Mangrove Kingfisher and Mangrove Honey eater.

The marina is only part of Ocean Blue Company's proposal which takes in other public land, land subject to Aboriginal Land Claim and virtually splits a small and tightly knit local community in half by occupying land south of Fingal Head. It will also threaten the last viable population of a rare rainforest tree.

Letitia Spit on which Fingal stands is a long narrow peninsular which is a favourite day visitor site for those escaping the crowds of the Gold Coast.

By allowing alienation of public coastal land the NSW Government is proving insensitive to the wishes of local communities and the problems of large scale resort developments in such locations. Gold Coast concrete is moving south to engulf the small coastal villages of the Far North Coast.

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13/7/89

The Editor

Sir,

There have been so many emotional and extreme views expressed over the past few weeks that it is time to pause and examine the facts of the Wilderness dedications which the Government made before Christmas.

When the Bill to declare wilderness areas was brought before Parliament by the then Labor Government it was supported by the Opposition which is now the Government. Why then has the attitude of some of the Coalition partners changed to such hysterical opposition? At least the Minister for Environment and to a certain extent the Premier, appear to be standing firm, ~~and acknowledging the importance of protecting the remaining wilderness in this State which amounts to less than 5% of the State.~~

A total of ten wilderness areas in Eastern NSW were nominated by conservation groups. The areas totalled some 800,000 ha or approximately 1% of the State. There was an exhaustive period of public consultation with tens of thousands of public submissions being received by the National Park Service. Over 75% of the submissions supported the wilderness proposals.

Less than half the wilderness proposals were included in the pre Christmas announcement and even then there was a mistake in the Cabinet office calculation so the actual area dedicated is closer to 280,000 ha rather than 350,000 ha. But of this total some 95% is within existing National Parks and some of the areas included were previously announced. *So what is new?*

The dedications maintain all prior access rights such as travelling stock routes, the Bicentennial Trail, and four wheel drive tracks which really make a mockery out of the wilderness concepts *which should be clear of such obvious human impacts.*

Over 200,000 ha of proposals were rejected outright; 200,000 ha were deferred; and 80,000 ha - the whole of the Mann - was referred to the Natural Resources Audit Council for a socio-economic study. The Premier has also said that if the valuable old growth forests within these areas are required for the timber industries before the assessments are complete, then the moratorium on logging will be lifted.

The majority of people wanting to see the very small proportion of the State - less than 5% - set aside from human exploitation, nevertheless welcome the first section of wilderness dedications. However there must be no compromise on the management of these areas by permitting roads for the use of four wheel drivers and horse riders. *activity included in carried out*
There are large areas of State forest where this can be ~~done~~ *done*

We await the dedication of the remaining areas of wilderness which 75% of the public, who responded to the proposals, indicated they wish preserved. The Government is committed to protecting endangered fauna and flora. It has made a commitment for the protection of the more valuable



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Your organisation has been selected at random from the CES database of employers to participate in this survey and you may be contacted in the next few months by The Roy Morgan Research Centre. The questions in the survey will require you to answer on behalf of your company, rather than present your own personal views of the CES. Your answers to the survey questions, irrespective of whether or not you have used CES services recently, will help the Department improve the services provided by the CES.

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If you have any queries relating to this survey, please contact Client Surveys Section toll free on 008 810 165. If you do not wish to participate in this survey, could you please send a facsimile with your business name clearly indicated on it to Client Surveys Section, toll free on either 1 800 819542 or 008 819542.

Yours sincerely

Philip Potterton
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23 December 1993

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6 Nov 93

NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CONSERVATION COUNCILS
AND ENVIRONMENT CENTRES
1994

Though we cannot find any reference to a resolution in the minutes of the 1993 conference I am assured that this Council will have the honour (and hard work) of organising this conference in 1994.

I have applied for the grant from the Department of Environment, Sport, and Territories to hold the conference.

The venue of the Conference will be Coffs Harbour .

The date is open for suggestions but I have tentatively suggested two

1. 18-21 March
2. 22-25 April

The reasons for these dates is that we avoid the school holidays which for the eastern states are 1-11 April and therefore problems of accomodation. But the airlines also offer some very cheap fares provided the stay includes a Saturday night. The present cheap fare block runs until 27 March (from 16 January) and offers fares as low as one third of normal. Hopefully there will be another block of cheap fares offered after 11 April. We could do a deal with the airlines but that will only offer about 10% reduction. Travel agents do not like the cheap fares as they sell at a cost to them.

So I suggest that each Council or Centre make their own air reservation when the time is ripe and we have agreed the date. Please ensure if travelling from other than Sydney or Brisbane that the ticketting is direct to Coffs Harbour which ensures cheaper fares than to Sydney and then Sydney to Coffs. I assume that participants from Sydney and Brisbane will travel via train or motor vehicle.

Has a theme be suggested ? If not could we agree on Coastal Conservation ?

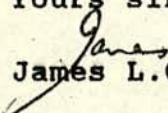
Can you please indicate if your Council/Centre will be sending a delegate and the numbers involved.

It is hoped to arrange a block booking in a backpackers but if someone wants other accomodation please indicate.

It is not too early to forward motions with background information and possible action plans.

All comments and suggestions are welcome.

Yours sincerely


James L.O. Tedder Hon. Sec.



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MEDIA RELEASE

30th October, 1988
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The pulp mill proposed for the Clarence Valley, was today opposed by the North Coast Environment Council. It also rejected such a mill being located anywhere on the North Coast.

The North Coast Environment Council met this weekend in Grafton to discuss the proposed pulp mill.

"We believe that the mill cannot be supported because of the implications for North Coast fishing and tourism industries, water quality and sustainable forestry operations" said Mr Terry Parkhouse, President of the North Coast Environment Council.

Mr Parkhouse said that the Council was particularly alarmed at the lack of information provided to the public and the promotion and endorsement of the proposal by Mr Ian Causley, Minister for Natural Resources.

He said that such endorsement, pre-empted the normal planning procedures and was in conflict with the commitment to open government.

"Experience elsewhere in Australia and abroad raises grave concerns about the impacts on the environment, the community and existing local industries generated by such mills," he said.

The meeting also discussed a range of other environmental issues currently affecting the quality of life on the North Coast.

The major problems of coastal development and the alienation of Public Lands featured in Councils' reports with the Council fully supporting the attempts by the Fingal community to protect the rainforests, aboriginal sites and public recreational amenity of the Fingal Peninsular.

A delegation of North Coast Environment Council members was appointed to travel to Sydney to attend a State wide seminar on coastal development to be held on 12th November.

The proliferation of coastal sandmining claims all along the coast, both on-shore and off-shore, generated a great deal of concern and will be the subject of a special meeting in the near future.

The "greenhouse effect" was the subject of considerable discussion, with the Council resolving to request the Department of Public Works to investigate the implications of climatic change on the coast and to forward their research results to local councils.

"Elcoms' attempt to push through a Coffs Harbour to Grafton Powerline, another local issue, was described as a classic example of a government agency bulldozing the public and ignoring the interests of local farmers, conservationists and the Nymbodia Shire Council," said Mr Parkhouse.

Several new groups were admitted to the Councils' membership, indicating the mobilisation of local communities to defend the local environments against a rash of inappropriate developments.

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MEDIA RELEASE.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS IS ONLY
BEING PAID LIP SERVICE ACCORDING TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE
NORTH COAST ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL MR. TERRY PARKHOUSE.

AT STATE LEVEL THE RECENT EXHIBITION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT FOR A PROPOSED 330K.V. ELECTRICITY
TRANSMISSION LINE BETWEEN COFFS HARBOUR AND GRAFTON
ATTRACTED 100 SUBMISSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

IN CONSIDERATION OF THESE SUBMISSIONS, ELCOM ACKNOWLEDGED
THE VALIDITY OF SOME OF THE FEARS EXPRESSED, OF THE THREATS
POSED BY THE LINE FOR A RARE SPECIES OF IRONBARK TREE AND
ALSO A RARE PAPER BARK TREE. ELCOM ALSO ACCEPTED THAT BIRD
COLLISIONS WOULD OCCUR OVER THE HABITATS OF SOME OF OUR
LARGEST WATER BIRDS INCLUDING THE JABIRU, MAGPIE GOOSE AND
PELICAN. MR. PARKHOUSE STATED THAT WHILE ELCOM EXPRESSED
CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IT HAS NOT ALTERED ITS PREFERRED
ROUTE AND ONLY USED ECONOMIC CRITERIA AS THE BASIS FOR
ITS DECISION.

AT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL KEMPSEY SHIRE COUNCIL INVITED
PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS ON ITS VEHICLE ON BEACHES POLICY WHICH
ALLOWED VEHICLE ACCESS TO 60% OF THE SHIRES BEACHES.

THE RESULT OF THE PUBLIC SUBMISSION WAS 70% IN FAVOUR OF
RETAINING THE EXISTING POLICY OR COMPLETELY BANNING VEHICLES
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DECIDED TO OPEN UP MORE BEACHES TO VEHICLES.

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TERRY PARKHOUSE
PRESIDENT .



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① how key tourism is the best form of development for the North Coast whether viewed from a social, economic or environmental ^{standpoint} ~~view~~ ^{perspective}. This was the conclusion of a workshop held by the North Coast Environment Council at Yarabaginni Ecology Centre on 4 and 5 July. Mr. Tony Parkhouse President of the NCEC said the workshop ~~was the~~ resulted from a growing concern by environmentalists from all parts of Australia that some of the tourism projects being promoted by governments and large scale developers were not ^{necessarily} in the long term interests of the majority of Australians.

There was a tendency for large scale developers to buy unsuitable ~~sites~~ ^{sites} and place pressure on local Councils for rezoning ~~advice~~ ^{on the excuse} that the development will benefit the area. The truth is often different. Filling in of wetlands affects the fishing industry both professional and recreational. It will often change the aesthetics of an area and alter flood patterns. Large scale tourism generally import the requirements for building, management and supplies. The Cliental often prefer to buy imported goods and refrain from using local services on the excuse that metropolitan will be superior. Capital for large scale tourism development ~~are~~ is usually imported and returns naturally exported. Large scale developments usually tax the services of water, power, ~~and~~ sewerage and road and rarely meet the costs so local Councils ^{participants} have left to meet the difference.

It is very difficult to place large

scale tourist development within the natural environment without 'destroying' or seriously degrading the area.

Low impact tourism is a form of tourism with which the North coast is familiar. Camping grounds, caravan parks, small motels, guest houses can all be developed ~~totally~~ on suitable sites with minimum disturbance of the natural environment given sensitive planning by landscapers and architects. The costs of financing and developing and building such low impact facilities can be handled by local finance resources, planners, developers and builders. Such small facilities also ~~can~~ employ local people in managerial situations, to buy supplies and services with the consequent multiplier effect on local employment and business.

The Workshop emphasised the need for any tourist facility whether high or low impact to be designed and built to fit into the environment. Too often developers tried to fit their ideas into an area with resultant destruction of a natural asset which can't be replaced and often at higher capital cost than needed.

There needs to be more research into what attracts a tourist into a particular area. There needs to be assessments of what areas have in the form of natural features which do or could attract tourists. A mapping of what the tourist is seeking with what assets an area has can provide the basis for planning for tourism development which will provide

for local development without
destroying the natural base on
which tourism depends.

The workshop which had
participants from Queensland and ~~with~~ a
South Australia as well as Sydney, Blue
Mountains and the North Coast, agreed that
the promotion of large scale tourism ^{in all areas} was
not in the interests of either the majority
of Australian holiday makers or the
environment. Large scale tourism should
be restricted to the existing urban areas
~~and~~ where alteration of the topography can
be kept to a minimum and where services
can cope. Even low impact tourism
should be constrained but more
importantly it must be fitted into
the environment, ~~and not~~

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World Heritage rainforest bungle Kelly, Cabinet Office at fault

The re-nomination of NSW rainforests for listing on the World Heritage Register was an international embarrassment to Australia following the release of a report by the international supervising agency, the World Heritage Bureau of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), ~~by~~ *according to* the North Coast Environment Council Inc.

"The IUCN returned the nomination for further work, criticising the Australian government for its piecemeal approach to identifying potential sites and for omitting known rainforests which would qualify for listing", said North Coast Environment Council President, Mr Terry Parkhouse.

Sites named by IUCN but omitted from the NSW nomination are:

- * the Richmond Range;
- * Carrai Plateau and escarpment near Werrikimbe National Park;
- * Mount Seaview Nature Reserve linking areas;
- * the western slopes of Mt Hyland;
- * Barrington Tops plateaux links and extended boundaries.

The IUCN also sought advice as to 'any other additions' which might be identified and included.

Mr Parkhouse said that there were other known rainforest areas which would qualify for World Heritage Listing if only they were properly located and assessed.

"The omission of important NSW rainforest areas from the NSW re-nomination was a deliberate political act by then Premier Greiner, in breach of the much touted Inter Governmental Agreement on the Environment (IGAE). Unfortunately instead of ensuring that NSW did the right thing, the Commonwealth effectively condoned and repeated these breaches", he said.

"When the NSW rainforest re-nomination, in conjunction with Queensland was first proposed, the NSW National Party, who continue to oppose the Wran Government's landmark 1982 Rainforest Decision, rebelled", said Mr Parkhouse.

"Greiner and then Minister Tim Moore subsequently agreed that the NSW re-nomination would be strictly limited to ensure that there was no broad re-assessment of the location and conservation values of the state's rainforests.

"A political directive was issued from NSW Cabinet office to National Parks and Wildlife Service that it could only include:
* recent additions to the National Parks rainforest estate; and
* Forestry Commission rainforest Flora Reserves that were immediately contiguous with the already listed rainforest areas."

Mr Parkhouse said that National Parks and Wildlife Service were given no additional money to complete the re-nomination and had a political deadline imposed on them by the NSW Cabinet Office.

"The then Forestry Commission of NSW sought to continue to hide from international recognition, important rainforest areas within State Forests which were of World Heritage quality but which it still has ambitions to log".

"The result was that instead of being based on sound biology, a political nomination was orchestrated to suit the NSW National Party. It was then rushed to IUCN by a federal Labor government desperate to clear its desks and appear 'green' before the 1993 federal election" he said.

"Politics have ensured that this NSW nomination lacks scientific credibility. The myth that all the important NSW rainforests have been found and saved has been perpetuated at home - but this claim hasn't washed in the international scientific community."

"The process of rushing through a political nomination breached the Inter-Governmental Agreement on the Environment (IGAE) and its Schedule 8, which requires public consultation on nominations and the preparation of an 'indicative list' for future nominations" said Mr Parkhouse.

Mr Parkhouse said that before the NSW re-nomination had been finalised, the North Coast Environment Council had warned Federal Environment Minister, Mrs Ros Kelly, of NSW government's breach of the IGAE and its manipulation of the World Heritage process.

"Mrs Kelly refused to enforce the IGAE and require full public consultation and competent biological review. She did not require Commonwealth government agencies to comprehensively review the Queensland nomination and NSW re-nomination with the result that significant rainforest areas identified by Australian Heritage Commission, such as North Washpool, were not in the Australian government's nomination" he said.

Mr Parkhouse said that the IUCN committee had expressed concerns about the proposed name 'Central Eastern Rainforest of Australia' and asked for a more explicit name to be suggested.

It had also recommended the deletion of the Iluka Nature Reserve Rainforest from the nomination and had commented on the lack of coherent argument for the proposed areas under criteria (iii) of the World Heritage Register:

'superlative natural phenomenon, formations or features, including outstanding examples of the most important ecosystems or areas of exceptional natural beauty'.

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NEWS RELEASE

CALL FOR COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR FOREST POLICY UNIT

An independent community based council should be set up to advise the new forestry policy unit being implemented by the Minister for Lands and Water Management Hon G.Souris . It is essential that all interested parties be closely involved in the management of natural resources from an early stage and this would be one way to achieve it said Terry Parkhouse President of the North Coast Environment Council Inc .

The Forest Policy Unit due to be implemented by September is to provide advice on State forest policy .The Minister said that the unit would consult widely with the community on such issues as long term wood supply strategies, environmental protection legislation , regulatory aspects of forest marketing and resource security (Ministers news release 9 July) However as the unit will only consist of five officers public consultation could be the poor relation in its duties. The idea for such a council has already be taken up by the Government in the case of the Water Board where the Environment Minister has announced (news release 21 July) the formation of a Community Audit Committee to ensure that public money for environmental purposes is spent correctly The timber industry on the North Coast needs to become clever and innovative and based on ecologically sustainable principles- not on cutting out the last of the old growth for the benefit of the very few larger companies There must be programs to establish large plantations ;to increase the productivity of re growth forest by utilising new methods of processing small logs and the development of

new products and new markets.

The farming community must be brought into discussions as is happening in South and Western Australia. In the former State the paper manufacturers Kimberly-Clark of Millicent is engaging farmers to grow 600 has of Eucalyptus plantations per year on a ten year rotation to provide pulp that is at present imported from Portugal and Brazil.

There are re-forestation schemes on the North Coast which will provide high grade timber for cabinet and other special purposes. The utilisation of this timber will create jobs in the North East. But there needs to be enlargement of these schemes to make an impact on the supply situation.

It is within the ability of the community to solve the environmental and employment problems in this region but it requires informed public participation and a new approach to this important industry. Lets drop the political rhetoric , examine the facts and work together.

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The Editor

Sir,

There have been so many emotional and extreme views expressed over the past few weeks that it is time to pause and examine the facts of the Wilderness dedications which the Government made before Christmas.

When the Bill to declare wilderness areas was brought before Parliament by the then Labor Government it was supported by the Opposition which is now the Government. Why then has the attitude of some of the Coalition partners changed to such hysterical opposition? At least the Minister for Environment and to a certain extent the Premier appear to be standing firm. They acknowledge the importance of protecting the remaining wilderness which amounts to less than 5% of the State.

A total of ten wilderness areas in Eastern NSW were nominated by conservation groups. The areas totalled some 800,000 ha or approximately 1% of the State. There was an exhaustive period of public consultation with tens of thousands of public submissions being received by the National Park Service. Over 75% of the submissions supported the wilderness proposals.

Less than half the wilderness proposals were included in the pre Christmas announcement and even then there was a mistake in the Cabinet office calculation so the actual area dedicated is closer to 280,000 ha rather than 350,000 ha. But of this total some 95% is within existing National Parks and some of the areas included were previously announced. So what is new?

The dedications maintain all prior access rights such as travelling stock routes, the Bicentennial Trail, and four wheel drive tracks which really make a mockery out of the wilderness concepts. Such areas need to be kept clear of such obvious human impacts.

Over 200,000 ha of proposals were rejected outright; 200,000 ha were deferred; and 80,000 ha - the whole of the Mann - was referred to the Natural Resources Audit Council for a socio-economic study. The Premier has also said that if the valuable old growth forests within these areas are required for the timber industries before the assessments are complete then the moratorium on logging will be lifted.

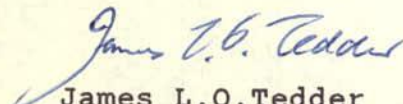
The majority of people wanting to see the very small proportion of the State - less than 5% - set aside from human exploitation nevertheless welcome the first section of wilderness dedications. However there must be no compromise on the management of these areas by permitting roads for the use of four wheel drivers and horse riders. There are large areas of State forest where this activity can be carried out.

We await the dedication of the remaining areas of wilderness which 75% of the public, who responded to the proposals,

indicated they wish preserved. The Government is committed to protecting endangered fauna and flora. It has made a committment for the protection of the more valuable old growth forests through their signing of the National Forest Policy Statement. These two committments, if sincere can be accompolished to a large extent by the dedication of the wilderness areas as assessed by the National Park Service. No private land is threatened by these assessments.

So why , in the light of these facts, has there been such emotion displayed by a few radical extremists ?

Yours faithfully


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Hon. Sec.

that NCEC Inc

- i) agree to support + assist the Armidale Environment + Wilderness Centre in its formation
- ii) agree to provide computer facilities to AEWC to assist the centre's operation, and undertakes to solicit donations for this purpose (donations would be tax deductible)
- iii) agrees to provide advice + assistance to AEWC to inform the centre's consideration of incorporation under the Associations Incorporation Act '84.
- iv) agrees to further dialogue + discussion between the NCEC's committee + the Centre's committee / co-ordinators regarding additional areas of assistance to the Centre.

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