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DATE 13 December 1993

Mr W. Watkins
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Dear Sir

KEMPSEY-WAUCHOPE MANAGEMENT AREA
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT - STATE FORESTS
NORTH EAST FOREST ALLIANCE

We act for the North East Forest Alliance and Mr John Corkill.

On 14 July 1993 the Forestry Commission of NSW exhibited an environmental impact statement in respect of forestry operations in the Kempsey-Wauchope Management Area. Our clients lodged a submission on the environmental impact statement being a submission dated 12 October 1993.

Our clients' submission identifies numerous and significant deficiencies in the environmental impact statement.

The deficiencies identified in the document renders it inadequate to meet the requirements of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 for environmental impact statements.

Previously, the Forestry Commission persisted in submission of an environmental impact statement (in relation to the Dorrigo area) notwithstanding the knowledge that the environmental impact statement did not meet the requirements set by the National Parks and Wildlife Service. The document was patently inadequate and finally was withdrawn by the Forestry Commission. The withdrawal was at a time after our client had already commenced legal proceedings in relation to the environmental impact statement.

The environmental impact statement for the Kempsey-Wauchope Management Area, on our instructions, exhibits at least the like deficiencies in quantity and degree as the Dorrigo document. On behalf of our clients accordingly we formally request the withdrawal of the environmental impact statement.

In the event that the EIS is not withdrawn and it is necessary for our clients to commence legal proceedings, this letter and earlier correspondence from our clients will be relied on to support an application for costs. We will require this letter to be produced to the Court for that purpose.

We are further instructed that a proposal to resolve conflict and to design and implement transitional measures, prepared by Mr Dailan Pugh entitled "The Way Forward", remains available and, as yet, unaccepted by the Forestry Commission of NSW and the NSW Government.

Upon withdrawal of the EIS, we are instructed that our clients are willing to participate, through a process as outlined in or similar to "The Way Forward" proposal, in resolving conflict in the State's north-east forests and seeking appropriate transition arrangements which will permit the Commission's compliance with law.

We request your response to this letter at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

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Dear Sir

KEMPSEY-WAUCHOPE MANAGEMENT AREA
FAUNA IMPACT STATEMENT - STATE FORESTS
NORTH EAST FOREST ALLIANCE

We refer to our letter of 13 December 1993 a further copy of which we enclose.

We also refer to our conference with yourself, Mr Washington and Mr Corkill on 17 December 1993.

Our client requests your response to our letter.

Yours faithfully

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