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Dear Mr Carr,

- ☐ Please immediately protect the habitat of endangered species and remaining old growth forests, rainforest, and wilderness.
- ☐ I believe forest protection is vital. A precious gift for future generations that provides clean water and new jobs in tourism and education.
- ☐ Please ensure any forests subject to logging are not clearfelled or intensively logged.
- ☐ Please assist affected rural communities to develop sustainable jobs.
- ☐ Your delivery of the forest reserve system you promised will influence my vote.



**Premier Bob Carr
Parliament House,
Macquarie St.
Sydney, 2000.**

**North-east
forests
too precious
to plunder**

Please count this as a submission on the
North-east forest assessment. Spring 1998

Signature:
Name:
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You can make a difference to the future!

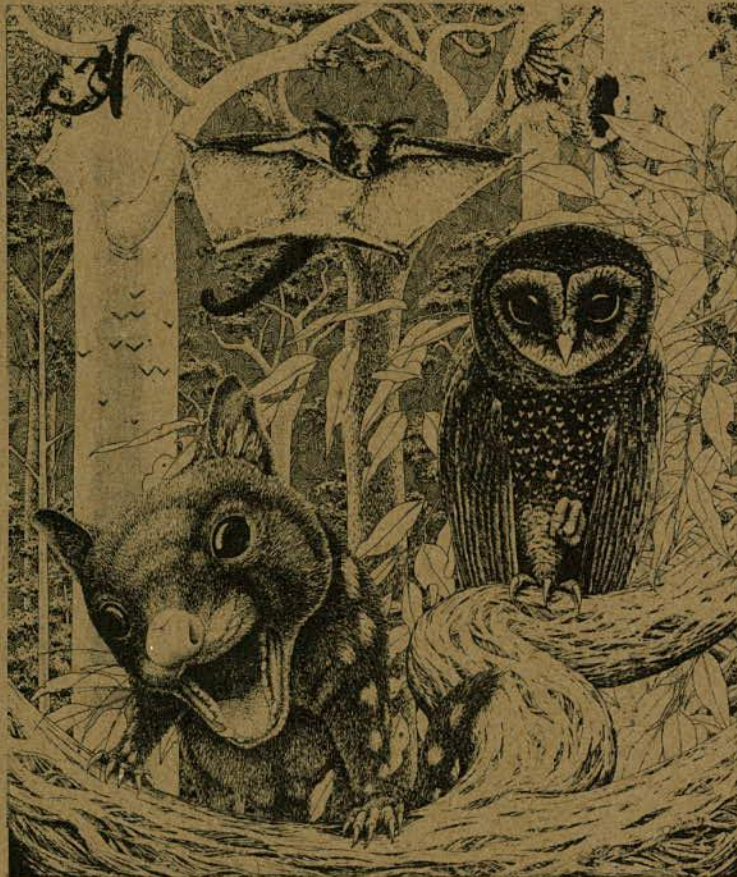
02 9279 2855 or forests@nccnsw.org.au

The future of the public forests in north-east NSW is still undecided. A rigorous scientific study has identified the most important forests but many remain unprotected.

Will Bob Carr's government fulfill their promise and protect the most inspiring and important remaining areas of forest? Will they dither and do nothing? Will they let them be destroyed by logging?

The answer depends on you. Your support is vital. Please send the attached card to Bob Carr. Keep this part for yourself as a reminder of what is at stake. Don't delay, decisions are being made now, every postcard sent lends support for more forest to be permanently reserved for conservation, recreation, water production and tourism. It will be there for the long term, not logged and lost.

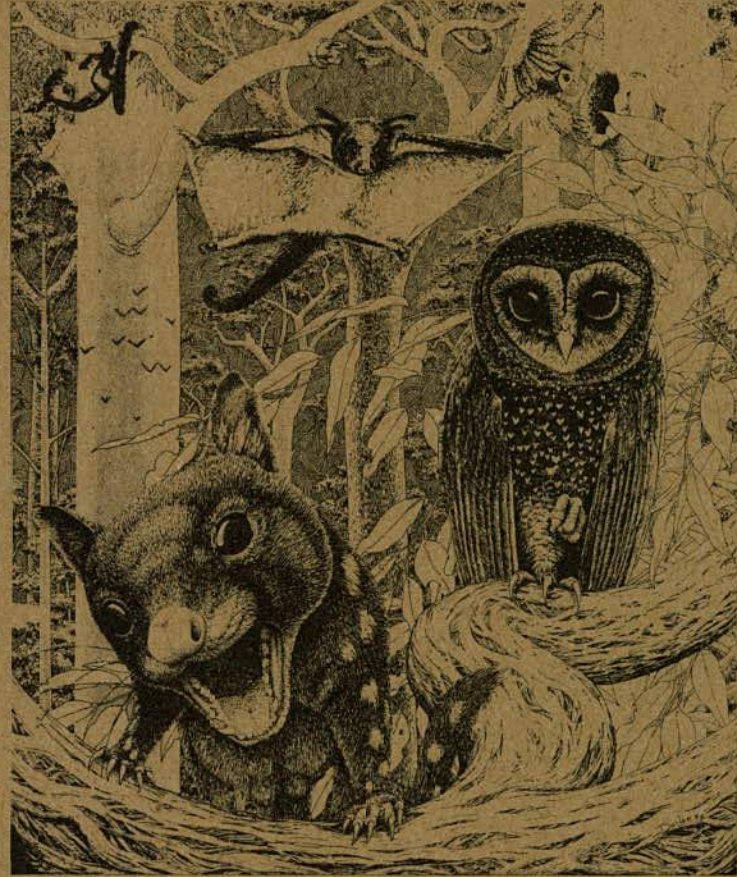
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PLEASE ASSIST IN ENSURING FOREST PROTECTION

3 November 1998

Dear.....

At last, after the completion of rigorous scientific assessment of the forests of North East NSW, the Carr government will soon announce the additional areas it will protect. Whether these new National Parks ensure a comprehensive, adequate and representative reserve system for the forests of NSW remains to be seen.

To fulfill the pre-election promise made by Mr Carr, the forest reserve system must be finalised before the end of the current session of Parliament, which is the last before the next State election in March 1999.

We are seeking signatures to the attached letter to the Premier requesting an outcome which delivers the highest levels of conservation and ensures the best possible protection of our biodiversity, oldgrowth, rainforest and wilderness.

We plan to place an advertisement in major papers in the next few days. We want to remind the Carr Government that this imminent decision is of major historical importance to the people of NSW, to our future generations and is critical to the survival of our threatened fauna.

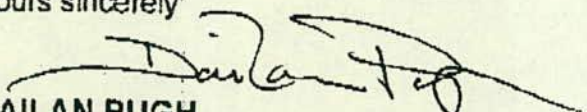
May we add your name to the list of supporters to be published?

If so please sign this letter and fax it to the return number urgently.

If you would be willing to assist with a donation for this message to be published please could you indicate in the space below

Thank you for your support.
Further information is available on:
the forest website <http://nccnsw.org.au/forests>

Yours sincerely


DAILAN PUGH
for the NSW FOREST ALLIANCE

NAME.....

SIGNATURE

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SYDNEY 2000

FAX 02 9279 2124 TO REGISTER YOUR SUPPORT or email forests@nccnsw.org.au
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A letter to the NSW Premier

Dear Mr Carr

FOREST PROTECTION for North East NSW

We write to you to urge you to grasp this historic opportunity to create an adequate forest reserve system in NE NSW. In 1992 the Commonwealth State and Territory Governments all agreed to the **National Forest Policy Statement**. The Statement committed governments to the protection and management of conservation and heritage values in our remaining Australian native forests. It created a framework for establishing the national reserve criteria. These criteria require the protection of oldgrowth, wilderness, viable populations of threatened species and representative examples of all ecosystems.

Your NSW Labor Government is to be congratulated for implementing an open and transparent process to ensure that a world class reserve system is designed for the forests of NSW. This has included extensive consultation with interested parties and produced unprecedented levels of study, research and information.

Forests belong to the people of NSW and are a birthright of future generations

Forests are essential in maintaining the quality of the air we breathe.

*Forests are an essential in catchments to ensure
high water quality and reliable flows.*

The forests of North East NSW:

- have a richness of species which is internationally significant
- have a significant number of threatened and vulnerable species
- are important for migratory fauna, particularly birds
- have significant populations of species which have declined elsewhere in Australia
- have less than 10% of their original area in reserves

An adequate system of fauna corridors, including areas to be rehabilitated, is an integral part of any effective reserve design.

We support a range of sustainable forest based industries and assistance to rural communities to broaden their economic base to regain their viability.

80% of Australia's flora and fauna species occur nowhere else in the world....

Australia has the highest rate of mammal extinction in the world.

At least 19 species of mammals

20 species of birds

3 species of frogs

76 species of flowering plants.... have already disappeared from the Australian continent....

Many more species face extinction if minimum habitats are not protected now.

The Federal Government supervised studies by fauna experts to determine the minimum areas of high quality habitat required for reservation to protect endangered species.

According to NSW NPWS and State Forests, in NE NSW over one million hectares of public lands need to be added to existing reserves to adequately meet the achievable reserve targets.

In 1993 Australia ratified the **International Convention on Biological Diversity** to ensure:

- identification and monitoring of important components of biological diversity
- establishment and management of protected areas
- rehabilitation and restoration of degraded ecosystems
- recovery of threatened species
- control of threatening processes and activities
- involvement of indigenous and local communities
- sustainable use of biological resources

We expect these public interest obligations to be considered seriously.

Please do not be swayed by the powerful vested interests of the industry and unions.

Thank you for your efforts thus far in the protection of NSW natural and cultural heritage.

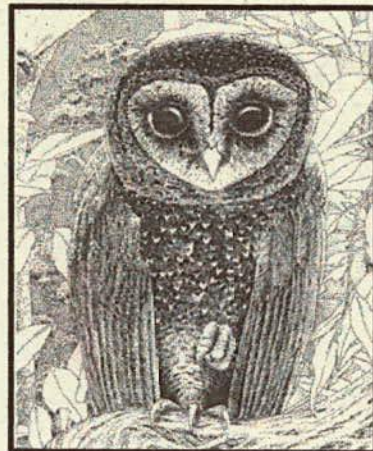
SIGNED

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Your Forests

Too Precious to Plunder

Endangered Species
Sooty Owl



Dear Mr. Knowles

As a business proprietor in a rural community I wish to express my support for the preservation of the diverse and valuable ecosystems that make up the character of our north eastern forests. It has been shown in the Natural Resource Audit Councils' Regional Report of the Upper northeast NSW (vol 5, p.250) that 87% of the economic return to a local community from public land comes from recreation and tourism while only 5% comes from timber extraction. It is clear from this research that our forests natural values provide more of an economic return to rural communities than its diminishing timber value. Rural communities need sustainable forest industries that promote and protect the environmental, historic and aesthetic values of our forests.

We are blessed here on the north coast with unique and stunning biodiversity. Australia is being marketed internationally as having 'forests that will take your breath away'. Our forests and the ecosystems that exist there are a valuable public asset and should be maintained and protected in adequate and representative reserve systems that are scientifically credible. Forest areas that are open for timber extraction must have harvest operations that are sensitive to all forest values and be conducted in a sustainable manner for quality saw log.

Any legislation that removes State Forest operations from public and National Parks and Wildlife Service accountability is unacceptable.

Please consider this a submission to the north-eastern CRA process

Yours sincerely

Signature _____

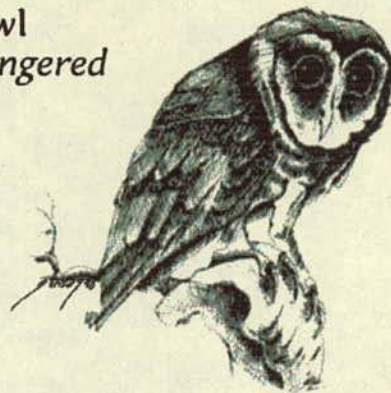
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Sooty Owl
endangered



The Hon. Bob Carr,
NSW Premier
Level 8, Premiers Wing,
Macquarie Street,
Sydney, 2000

Dear Mister Carr,

In 1995 Your Government was elected on a promise to save old growth and high conservation value forests. Time is running out for this promise to be kept.

The present reserve systems are now acknowledged to be inadequate. Only 6% of Australia's forests are protected in National Parks and Nature Reserves. This is well below the 15% national minimal standard. The NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service has pointed out that *"existing reserves are extremely biased, there is an over representation of environments with steep slopes and or less fertile geology and an under-representation of flat fertile environments"*.

I do not support further logging of the forest areas in the northern rivers region that had previously been placed under moratorium because they are likely to be required for the new reserve system.

Australian forests are marketed internationally as a major tourist and recreation attractions. According to the Natural Resource Audit Council, Regional Report of Upper North-East NSW (1996), 87% of the economic value of public land is derived from tourism and recreation. If forests are damaged so that they no longer interest people that want to use them for tourism and recreation we will have lost an incredibly valuable public asset.

I remind you of your comments when introducing the Wilderness Act; *"Will we have a nation, on the eve of the 200 year of European settlement, continue to destroy, piece by piece, the great natural areas of this country? Will we continue to be unmoved by the fact that many of this nation's plants and animals are threatened by oblivion? Or do we resolve that the very fibre of this continent should be treated with respect, that our much diminished wilderness should be protected, and that our country should earn a reputation for excellence in its approach to conservation"*.

Our forests natural values are under pressure from an ecologically unsustainable timber industry and unprofessional logging practices. Delays in the establishment of an adequate and representative reserve system leaves delicate forest ecosystems open to further abuse which threatens their survival. Forests cannot continue to deliver the level of logging and woodchipping placed on it by out-dated industry demands. Restructuring the timber industry is crucial for an ecologically sustainable future in timber and non-timber forest based jobs.

Your government is at risk of entering the 1998 election having not kept its promise, this will not be forgotten!

Will your government keep its promise and facilitate the urgent establishment of a comprehensive adequate and representative reserve system that complies with the State and Commonwealth reserve criteria?

Please acknowledge your receipt of this letter and respond as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

address _____

date ____/____/____