Present:

Susy Manigan Noel Plum Sid Walker Chris Alan and Simon Clark John Corkhill Barry Trail, Louise Matherson and Adrian Whitehead Linden & Aila Peter Robo Tim & Sean Cadman Carl Kate Jeff Angel and Margaret Barns Kevin Parker and Tom McLochlan Rachel Siewart & Beth Schultz

& Canberra People

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Minutes of the National Forest Groups PLU on Tuesday 6th September 1994.

Chair Person - Barbara Schrider Facilitating - Jayne Weepers

Barbara Schirder - Apologies to Niki Hungerford for not getting things on the agenda, problem at office they are on now.

Apologies - Niki not on phone link up.

Ila (Bris) - Want minutes moved to start of meeting as needs to go to another meeting.

AGENDA REVIEW

Additions - No. 10 Save the Forest Action Lisa 10 min

No. 11 Fraser Island

No. 12 Status of CRA

No. 13 Woodchip exports in Queensland 3-5 minutes

No. 14 Wet Tropics Plan

No. 15 Rain Forest Logging

No. 11 - 15 Comprise those item that Aila wishes to speak to and will be moved to the front. - Agreed

Time - Lucy Canberra

Minutes - Melbourne will do Minutes - Tape will be passed on.

No 1. - REPORT BACKS - Short dealing with National Day of Action - other vital facts if needed

QLD - Linden - Banner drop in morning - 50-60 at the foot of the Kangaroo Point Cliffs - media not too interested - 100+ letters at King George Square - first action for TWS in Bris for a while.

NE NSW - John Corkhill - Billboard went up - banner drop in co-op with QLD - Big Scrub went off - Signatures and 80 letters 1/2 day - more planned - small leaflet SNAFU.

SYD - Sid - Excellent demo at Circular Que. - organised by Sydney TWS - good media.

NEWCASTLE - No

CANBERRA - Lisa - 150 people in city - Banner Hang - Good action - Saturated media - bad article

SEFA - Chris - Occupied logging coupe in State Forest - Picketed restructuring committee - union person announcing strike at Daishowa.

MELB - Louise - 100 people outside ALP offices - police present - all wrote letters - banner drop from roof - media good.

TAS - Protest on parliament house lawns - 200-300 people turned up - ute load of dead animals poisoned by 1080 - 3 wombats (1 baby), 2 echidna - 2 tiger quol - pile of wallabies etc. - got media focus on issue.

EG - No

WA - Carl - 700-100 people - \$600 raised - first action of Friends of the South West Forests.

Action also in Cairns

No. 2 SEPTEMBER 1ST LEAFLET DISTRIBUTION

Noel - Were are the leaflets?

Ring Andrew Beswick in Melbourne TWS.- 03 670 5229 Melbourne's has arrived so they are on the way - glitch with printer.

No. 2a QLD ISSUES

Aila - Will correct errors and request action Error in minutes and national newsletter

- No logging on Fraser Is, and this is not likely.

- No exports of woodchips from native forest in QLD.

- No comprehensive regional assessment done. Priority areas has been looked at:

- Tim Cadman is on Line

- Rain forest logging - Govt said will stop by end of September

- FOIs show it has been redefined in SE QLD.

Help - need a national response to wet tropic plan because of potential development in World Heritage area - need Newsletter dates etc. to alert people can people let me know. 221 0188 QCC

Report released on the 1st of November - Open for response till the end of February. QCC - got lots of good FOI request in.

No 3. FOREST EMBASSY

Already cover in another item - will do now.

Louise - steering group has had lots of discussion - you should have received

Preparations Camp hand book ring if you've missed out - need to have separate phone link up

NOW DEAL with

- reconfirm support - AGREED - dates length - what are people doin

- \$\$\$\$\$\$ money

Western Tiers - Yes

NEFA - wont to go

WA - bus being organised

NCC - no \$?, tight for funds

Budget

\$4000 total - wages \$500 - need money to pay for posters etc.

Con Council member groups need to be contacted, we need money now expenses are running up

Proposal \$400 con. councils, National TWS, ACF - \$100 major groups - and / or bartering

Response

QLD Keen, Given \$50 from Rain Forest Preservation Society, Need inf. for TWS. NEFA - Will provided \$, will ask other groups to donate.

Can Con Council - Several \$100, will contact member groups

NCC - Sid Walker - needs someone to find the money within his group.

Forest Campaign Group Sydney - Noel - \$100

FOE - will be putting money in.

SEFA - \$100 ok?

NFN - will alert member groups \$100-400 Tasmania wide TCC - strapped for cash, looking for 11,000 dollars will look for other ways to get \$

EV - will contact member groups, and get \$ in

TWS - Kevin Parker looking at \$ amount ???

Two - Kevin Farker looking at 5 amount ??!

WA - \$400 ??

MONEY - to got to TWS Canberra

GROUPS that cant commit need to commit by Friday - this is the third dead line - contact LISA in Canberra

DATES - LENGTH - 4th to the 8th of November

Feed back - no definite stop date.

NEFA - John - too short - need to keep political pressure up - keep it going till Friday Lisa - can go longer if people take on roles to organise it and extra costs are covered. Louise - proposal organised 5 days and allow people to stay on.

Noel - would like it longer, at least over sitting week.

NEFA - when are licences renewed

Louise - licences aren't likely renewed before then because of HCV report is due around that time.

Noel - 7th to 12th.

Lisa - Why weekend - allows families to join on weekend for a big Sunday action and media on Monday.

Proposal - 4th to the 8th minimum and co-ordination group will discuss extension. Proposal Agreed

Louise - Things for groups to do, get money in, please fill in group questionnaire, need to distribute posters, each region will set up a regional village, banners, displays, organise transport, wider community groups, need people to take on organisational roles.

Lucy - Posters are on line, entertainment, and police parliament house liaison have begun.

NEFA - John - dates must be finalised before posters going to print. Firm Commitment and support by Friday or next PLU, ring if you don't have handbook.

No. 4 OCTOBER FOREST SUMMIT

Mail Out done - there is support - need to reply by September the 14th - 22nd 23rd of October Sat Sun - Immediately prior to NFN Melbourne Conference. Big Party - Kevin Parker on Line

No. 6 LOBBY GROUP REPORT

Noel, John C (Alec not line)

John - Successful meeting with a number of MP who will be activists on export woodchipping will undertake to see Faulkner on 1st of September. Were going to check Faulkner's strategy - good - hit Keating - Bad - improve Faulkner. Critical to lock in PM to difficult to get across on caucus floor, with PM support cabinet outcomes will be successful. No information on this groups meeting with Faulkner.



Kevin - Group of MPs were a bit nervous, letter had been drafted to give to back benches to give to Faulkner

Peter Robinson - Had spoken with Alec, Faulkner moving extremely slowly, needs lobby group PLU to discuss this problem

John - MPs Group - Harry Woods NSW, Linsy Tanner Vic, Bob Chynoweth Vic, John Deborah Tasmania, Margret Renols QLD.

Tim C - Marginal seats is a good tactic.

John - Good Opportunity for people to be inside the house visiting their pollies during the sitting time at the Forest Embassy.

Sid W - Should a delegation meet with Keating.

John - Lobby Group will discuss this.

Jane - Women on Lobby group?

No? - Yes one, Linda Parlane

No 7. HIGH CONSERVATION VALUE (HCV) REPORT.

Sean Cadman - Still trying to get a minor change to the contract. At Peak council Faulknermade commitment to fund a study of HCV forest in area where wood chipping is going on - Vic, Tas, NSW, and WA. Teams are in place waiting for sigring of contract. Deadline for report is almost certainly by the end of October.

Noel - Some preliminary work begun.

John - Negative fallout from Bedall or industry statements? No

Sean Cadman - Industry confused, not know how serious to take it. Faulkneris not taking us seriously enough because he doesn't believe we can deliver electoral pain or gain.

No. 9 TCC LEGAL CHALLENGE TO WOODCHIPPING

Susy - Beddall gave Gunn's a licence to export, TCC wrote a letter under the Admistratrive Decisions Judicial Review Act, asking him to give reasons, required 28 days to reply, was over time by 1 month. EDO has taken this case on breached ADJ act. TCC standing in federal courts. Cost \$800 dollars a day. Democrats taken out FOI - refused - Democrats will take out censure motion. 21st of November TCC will get standing. \$16,000 - \$4,000 democrats, \$1,000 Tas Greens, please give money. Fought on 200,000 tones permit on without EIS.

Noel - Group would like to provided assistance.

NEFA - doing similar action, challenging adequacy of EIS.

Susy - Beddall making funning noises in the Australian

No. 10 ANOTHER NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION PROPOSAL

Lisa - Looking at sitting dates, Tuesday - better media day, 20th of September or 11th of October.

Kevin - Not NDA but lobbying activity, spontaneous actions, better to lobby.

Tim - I didn't get my letters nor Tas, what is happening, monitoring.

Noel - Lobby group marginal seat activity is important

Barry - Agree with Noel focus on marginal seats, to deliver fear to Canberra. Use state action appropriately.

Proposal - Jane - Another National Day of Action

Proposal Not Agreed to.

John - State by state and focus on woodchipping, move on plantations later on. Lisa - Put out media, and maintain national focus.

Jane - Send information about marginal electorate actions to lobby group members -Alec in Hobart, Linda Parlane in Vic, Peter Robinson in WA, John NEFA.

John - Inf. should go to Alec

Letter Writing

Louise - In Vic we have organised a state wide focus.

Tim - Organising letter writing campaign in district.

Keep Tally, report back at PLUs

Thank to Andrew and people who wrote leaflet

No. 11 ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Industry Leaflet

Tim Cadman - Industry Material outstanding, Harris Daishowa, Bunnings etc. on all existing and planned woodchipping - send it in. Hopefully be done in the next month. *NFPS leaflet*

Lisa - What about NFPS leaflet??

Sid - Co-ordination has been slow moving, now high on priorities, next few weeks, lacks list of name on group. Anyone who is interested should get in contact with Sid even if your name was not on the list.

Noel - has names, will pass on.

Environmental Law Reform

John - Sean and John developing firm proposals for reform of Commonwealth Environmental Law, draft includes as priority a new act for Common Wealth environmental impact assessment. Com Govt has dropped balled on review of EPIP act., big problems - need to move now. Fax to Sean points on Envi Law Reform. *NSW Fay Wilderness*

Tom - Fay over a barrel after loosing Bye election, may cave into Wilderness.

CEPA - Preferred PAPER

Jane - Joint group report being completed

Noel - Need to pass inf. on this issue to membership bases.

Jane - Will network EV's copy, and putting an info sheet on what people need to do. Perth & Tim Cadman wants copy....

No 12. PHONE LINK UP

Barbara - Agenda items sheet sent out a week before due, this is not being networked, nor is feed back coming from these sheets. Can't do the next one - going away.

When is the Next one?

Proposal 4th of October

Proposal Accepted

Co-ordinator/Minutes - Debbie / TWS SYD Facilitator. - Jane

Thanks to democrats

Minutes by Adrian Whitehead (Happy to do it next time)



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John R. Coulter Austra ian Democrat Senator for South Australia

Dear

I am writing to seek your comments on the enclosed private bills, the Biological Diversity Conservation Bill 1994 and the Biological Diversity (Consequential Amendments) Bill 1994.

The two bills have been developed to implement the Convention on Biological Diversity and the National Strategy to Conserve Australia's Biological Diversity.

The Amendment Bill amends a number of existing Federal Acts which are relevant to the conservation of biological diversity, namely the Environment Protection (Impact of Proposals) Act 1974, the Endangered Species Protection Act 1992, the Australian Heritage Commission Act 1975, and the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936.

The Federal Environment Minister has expressed interest in developing legislation dealing with biological diversity conservation. I hope that this package of Bills will be considered a model for the development of government legislation.

I would be very grateful to receive your comments. I understand that your time is precious and these Bills cover a wide range of issues. If you are unable to comment on all the clauses, I would nevertheless appreciate your comments on those parts of the Bills which are of particular interest and concern to you.

The deadline for comment is 21 October. I plan to table the Bills in the Senate before the end of the current Parliamentary session which closes on the 8th of December.

Please feel free to ring me at any time on (08) 370-8055 if you have any queries or wish to discuss any matters relating to the legislation with me personally.

Please send your comments to my Melbourne office. Thank you in anticipation of your response.

Yours sincerely,

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COME TO THE NEXT NEFA MEETING ! 8th - 9th October, 1994 at Toonumbah (via Kyogle)

The next scheduled North East Forest Alliance meeting will be held at Che Guava community, Toonumbah, near Kyogle. Ph: (066) 333 292

It has been a long time since we've had a full NEFA meeting on the Far North Coast and we feel that we've lost contact with a lot of people particularly in the Byron, Nimbin, Lismore, Grafton area as a result. With an important state election looming, it is hoped that this meeting can attract a large number of our supporters.

We now have details of all logging planned for the Far North Coast for 1995, your favourite spot is probably on there so come along and be informed.

Even if you are too busy to take on specific jobs for NEFA we would like to see you just so we can exchange information, strengthen our local network and hopefully have some fun doing it.

Toonumbah is only 70 km from Lismore, so please make the effort. See you there!

How to get there: At the intersection at the bottom of the main street of Kyogle there is a Mobil petrol station, turn sharp left from outside the Mobil and head out under the railway bridge, past the bowls club, over the bridge and then follow the green arrows to the meeting.

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Compartment 579 is the last significant area of Old Growth on the Eastern Dorrigo Plateau. On every count it deserves preservation. Yesterday, NEFA and Bob Brown presented a "Forest Reserve" proposal to State Forests and the media. State Forests responded by closing the area to the public and commenced logging this morning, Tue, 20 Sept.

Southern people - gather at Bellingen, Northern people - gather at Grafton for <u>immediate</u> action.

Ring Bellingen Environment Centre (066) 552599 Clarence Environment Centre (Grafton) (066) 431863 Tim (066) 550027 or (018) 672044

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INVITATION

On Friday 7 October Pam Allen the Shadow Spokesperson for Planning and Environment and the next Minister for the Environment in a Carr State Labor Government will be visiting Lismore and will be my guest of honour at a bar-be-que at my home in the evening. I would welcome as many party supporters, environmentalists or anyone at all who would like to meet Pam.

The bar-be-que will start at around 7 pm and there will be a charge of \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 for children. Soft drinks will be provided and beer and wine can be purchased.

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