

# Rainforest Information Centre

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27-9-1990

I would like you to present this letter to your next N.C.E.C. meeting. I presented this letter to Neville Newell last Tuesday night at the Big Scrub Environment Centre. I said out of respect for Vic Brille & all the political effort he has done for environmental issues in the past & with respect for Ian Cohen & his amazing efforts that have kept environmental issues in the press & as topics of conversation everywhere. Historically I wanted to be the first to lobby him as the secretary of the Byron Bay Radiation Information Centre.

I am R.I.C. Team Liaison Officer & Committee Member of the Big Scrub Environment Centre & treasurer of Lismore Green Alliance & was a member once of the Brunswick Valley People for Peace who asked me to write a report about the Radiation Levels at Byron Bay which they should still hold. I wrote this report as Lyn Dall kept now I use my maiden name. I would like you to ask them if they can bring any more follow up info on the state of the levels in Byron Now. One night myself & a man called John Davies in 1984 put sun oil marks on the Byron Market Area behind the police station & we painted a white peace sign on the road. I want to know what's happening now. Also find a copy of Federally registered green parties. I was at the first Green forum in Sydney last year & we all said a light preference exchange to harbor & we did it all together all at us. Yesterday historically I attended the first meeting of Richmond Green Alliance as a registered party. Lismore Green produced a Newsletter called greenline & if you wish a copy please write to Ann Bayel our returning officer as shown on the list & please trust. We have a social policy.

Your to protect the planet  
democratically.

Lyn Dall McCormack



Vic Brille  
P.O. Box 88 a Lismore N.S.W.  
2480

Neville Newell M.P.  
22-5-90.

After some discussion with the New Left Party as consultants from the Byron Bay Radiation Information Centre we ask you to consider investigating the U.S.A. Act U.M.T.R.C.A. The Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978. Only 26 million tons has been reclaimed the major part (175 million tons) still remains unclaimed & presents a perpetual hazard to environment & health.

The U.M.T.R.C.A. set up U.S. standards for the clean up of uranium mills tailings, implementing an impervious layer under the pile to prevent seepage into ground water.

-A protective cover of several layers to prevent erosion seepage of rain water into the pile and emanation of radon to the atmosphere.

-provision of long term environmental monitoring & maintenance funds.

We wish that you correspond with the U.S. government to obtain a copy of this act & ask the Australian government to consider discussion on the application of a similar act for the Australian political climate.

Source of information Wise News Communique 326/7.

Yours Sincerely

Consultants

Lyndall McCormack

Ian Cohen

*S McCormack*  
*Ian Cohen*

cc: Ian Cohen Rainforest Information

Centre 877248

cc: John Seed

cc: Green Alliance

cc: N.C.E.C.

cc: Big Scrub Environment Centre

cc: Pegasus.



Susanne H. Ward  
P.O. Box 48  
Nth. Sydney  
N.S.W. 2059  
20th March, 1990

Public Relations Manager,  
*North Coast Environment Council,*

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am currently studying my fourth year of a Bachelor of Science Degree, Diploma of Education, at Macquarie University. As part of a long term assignment, I am required to compile a resource file for my use in teaching now (as a student teacher), and in my future years as a secondary school teacher in science.

Please send me any information, related to your services, at your disposal that may be of assistance to me. Please also advise me where, or whom I might contact, to obtain further information.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

I remain yours sincerely,

*Susanne H. Ward*

SUSANNE H. WARD

*Ans'd 3/4/90  
JK*



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Griffith High School  
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Telephone 62-1711

22nd March, 1990

North Coast Environment Council  
C/- J Tedder  
Pavans Rd.,  
Grassy Head via  
STUARTS POINT 2441

Dear Sir,

This is a request for information and resources on the following topics, for use by teachers and students of Griffith High School. Though a high school, information and material suitable for Years 5-6 would also be of value.

Conservation

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
GRIFFITH HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

*CR*

Colin Ross  
Teacher-Librarian

*Ans'd 3/4/90  
JK*



INC.

14/6/90

Kate Ellen,  
Kyogle Public School,  
Kyogle, 2474.

Dear Kate,  
Herewith some material which may help your class  
in its study on the environment.

Yours sincerely,

J.L.O.Tedder.



## New South Wales Police Service POLICE HEADQUARTERS

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Our reference:

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Your reference:

Mr A Ricketts  
NEFA Spokesperson  
North East Forest Alliance  
NSW Environment Centre  
39 George Street  
THE ROCKS NSW 2000

13th August, 1992

Dear Mr. Ricketts,

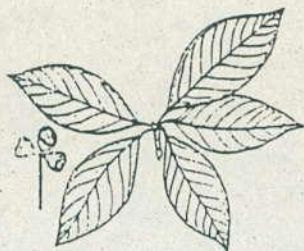
The Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Hon. Ted Pickering, M.L.C., has asked me to acknowledge your recent correspondence concerning a logging protest near Walcha.

The matters raised are currently being examined and a reply will be forwarded to you as soon as enquiries are completed.

Yours sincerely,

A.R. Lauer  
Commissioner





BRUSH BOX

*Lophospermum confertus*

# N.E.F.A.

## NORTH EAST FOREST ALLIANCE

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Mr Paul Massey-Reed,  
Forestry Commission of NSW,  
District Forester,  
Walcha MA Forestry Office,

23rd July, 1992

per fax no. 067 772 179

Dear Sir,

Re: Offer to withdraw Mummel Gulf blockade

The North East Forest Alliance wishes to offer an 'olive branch' to NSW Forestry Commission in an attempt to create circumstances where the need for further forest protest action and community conflict can be avoided.

NEFA is prepared to remove forest blockades in the Mummel Gulf area and suspend ongoing protest actions if the Forestry Commission of NSW steps back from its provocative stance over logging 'old growth' forest in the area.

NEFA will dismantle our camp and withdraw from the area if the Forestry Commission agrees to publicly commit itself to either:

- 1) abide by Premier Greiner's June 1990 announcement that a Environmental Impact Statement would be prepared for the Mummel Gulf area before any roading or logging occurs, OR
- 2) agree to not road or log in the Mummel Gulf area until the prior agreement, reached with NEFA on 20 May, has been abided by and a proper assessment of the 'old growth' forest in the Walcha and Armidale areas has been completed.

These are reasonable requests in line with the Resource Assessment Commission (RAC's) Report on its Forest and Timber Inquiry.

The solution to this ongoing dispute clearly lies with the Forestry Commission. NEFA has demonstrated its good faith by attempting to avoid conflict through reaching an agreement in May and in calling on the new Premier, Mr Fahey to appoint an impartial arbiter to convene a conference with affected parties.

Please advise me or Andrew Steed of the Commission's response to this offer through the Big Scrub Environment Centre, at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Your sincerely,

John R. Corkill  
Co-ordinator



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JRC

John R. Corkill  
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typically from \$40 to \$120 per barrel equivalent for it. The premium applications in which we can get our money's worth out of this special kind of energy total only about 8% of all our end uses. With improved efficiency, that 8% would shrink to about 5% [later analyses suggest roughly half as much as this], which we could cover with our present hydroelectric capacity plus a modest amount of industrial cogeneration. [The reduced figure could readily be covered with present and small-scale hydroelectric capacity, a bit of windpower, and no cogeneration.] That is, we could advantageously be running this country with no central power stations at all—if we efficiently used electricity only for tasks that can use its high quality to advantage, so justifying its high cost in money and fuels. These limited premium tasks are already far oversupplied, so if we make more electricity we can only use it for inappropriate low-grade purposes. That is rather like cutting butter with a chainsaw—which is inelegant, expensive, messy, and dangerous.

This thermodynamic philosophy saves us energy, money, and trouble by supplying energy only in the quality needed for the task at hand: supplying low-temperature heat directly, not as electricity or as a flame temperature of thousands of degrees. Thus our task is not to find a substitute to produce thousand-megawatt blocks of electricity if we don't build reactors, but rather to perform directly the tasks we would have performed with the oil and gas for which the reactors were supposed to substitute in the first place. By thus matching energy quality to end use we can virtually eliminate conversion losses, just as matching scale virtually eliminates distribution losses. These two kinds of losses together make up *more than half* of the total energy used at the right-hand end of Figure 1 [representing the hard energy path in the year 2025], yet are all but absent at the same point in Figure 3. Delivered end-use energy is not very different in the two diagrams in the year 2025, but it performs several times as much social function in Figure 3 as in Figure 1, with a corresponding advantage in conventionally defined social welfare. We would literally be doing better with less energy.

Extremely rapid recent progress in developing soft technologies has produced a wide range of technically mature systems—ones that face no significant technical, economic, environmental, social, or ethical obstacles, and require only a modicum of sound product engineering. We already have enough mature, convenient, and reliable soft technologies now in or entering commercial service to meet essentially all our energy needs in about 50 years. This does not assume cheap photovoltaic systems (which will probably soon be, or may already be, available), nor indeed any other solar-electric technologies. Living within our energy income requires only the appropriate use of straightforward solar heat technologies, organic conversion to clean liquid fuels for vehicles, modest amounts of

wind collection (mainly non-electrical), currently installed hydroelectric capacity and the readily available small-scale hydroelectric capacity at uses existing dams.

I believe a *prima facie* case has been made that we already know enough to start planning an orderly transition to essentially complete reliance on soft energy technologies. But this transition, or indeed any other, will take a long time—perhaps 50 years—so we must build a bridge to our energy income economy by briefly and sparingly using fossil fuels, including modest amounts of coal, to buy time. We know how to do this much more cleanly and efficiently than we are doing now, with technologies flexibly designed so that we can plug in the smaller soft technologies as they come along. Simple, flexibly scaled technologies are also rapidly emerging, cleanly extracting premium liquid and gaseous fuels from coal, so fill the real transitional gaps in our fluid-fuel economy with only a temporary (and less than twofold) expansion of coal mining. We can thus squeeze the "oil and gas" wedge in Figure 3 from both sides, making its middle section more slender than that of Figure 1 and thereby eliminating much medium-term importing and frontier extraction.

Figure 3, in summary, shows a different path along which our energy systems can evolve from now on. It does not suggest wiping the slate clean but rather redirecting our effort at the margin, thus freeing disproportionate resources for other tasks. It does not abolish big technologies, but rather concedes that they have a limited place which they have long since saturated, and proposes that we can take advantage of the big systems we already have without multiplying them further. Because the long lead time of big systems means that many power stations are now under construction, we can use that backlog, current overcapacity, and the potential for rapid industrial cogeneration to ensure adequate supplies of electricity before improved efficiency starts to bear fruit.

Having these two energy paths before us in outline permits some illuminating comparisons. First, in rates: it appears that the soft and transitional technologies are much quicker to deploy than the big high technologies of Figure 1, because the former are so much smaller, simpler, easier to manage, and less dependent on elaborate infrastructure. For fundamental engineering reasons, their lead times are measured in months, not decades. For similar reasons, as I suggested earlier, they are also likely to be substantially cheaper than hard technologies. They are environmentally far more benign, and bypass the risk of major climatic change from burning fossil fuel. And they are more certain to work, for the risk of technical failure in the soft path is distributed among a large number of simple, diverse technologies that are in general already known to work and that require an especially forgiving kind of engineering. The hard energy path, in contrast, puts all its eggs in a few brittle baskets—fast breeder





# Forestry Commission of N.S.W.

Forestry Office

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WALCHA N.S.W. 2354

Our reference:

Your reference:

Telephone: 067 772511

17.06.1992

067 772179



Mr Andrew Steed,  
C/- Wilderness Society,  
ARMIDALE NSW 2340

Dear Andrew,

As requested, the Management Statistics for the account period July 1991 to March 1992.

The figures are volume (quota, non-quota quality), compartment, species and sawmiller.

Sales to C.L. Brown and Sons

Compartment	Quota Volume	Non-Quota Quality Volume	Species by All Sales							
			MM	STS	TWO	VIM	BG	OTHER	DHS	NEE
118	174	4	124	7	-	47	-	-	-	-
123	103	15	128	43	-	-	7	40	-	-
x 127	1302	319	922	316	-	164	100	76	42	-
* 36	2352	551	17	1434	260	10	712	320	-	150
TOTAL	393	889	1091	1800	260	221	819	436	42	150

Sales to Kenross Sawmills

Compartment	Non-Quota Quality Volume	Species by All Volumes					
		MM	STS	VIM	BG	DHS	NEB
118	4170	3027	503	515	2	39	85

Sales to Allen Taylor

Compartment	Non-Quota Quality Volume	Species by All Volumes						
		FAS	MM	STS	VIM	BG	NEB	DHS
107	23	-	-	-	23	-	-	-
110	114	-	23	22	-	10	59	-
163	135	-	66	-	69	-	-	-
166	786	-	597	-	189	-	-	-
168	256	-	146	-	96	-	-	14
76	494	24	166	63	21	145	76	-
TOTAL	1808	24	1098	85	398	155	135	14



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## Sales to Fenning Timbers Pty Ltd

Compartment	Quota Volume	Non-Quota Quality Volume	Species by All Sales							
			FAS	MM	STS	VIM	BG	OTHER	DHS	NEB
107	591	289	-	18	788	-	47	22	6	8
x 109	1369	449	-	19	1349	-	393	48	-	8
110	755	332	-	136	755	-	85	60	4	26
x 143	2349	684	-	73	2465	28	412	12	11	33
x 144	1885	487	-	805	1064	19	285	154	2	43
147	431	180	-	180	268	-	-	-	-	162
150	400	156	-	380	72	68	-	-	10	26
164	66	26	15	36	-	41	-	-	-	-
165	384	239	253	97	-	273	-	-	-	-
x 167	1839	736	711	979	101	581	-	-	47	155
x 76	2639	875	-	777	863	232	1306	-	203	85
xx 77	5235	1473	-	3321	1107	650	2280	-	217	134
78	38	10	-	17	17	8	4	-	-	9
79	22	1	-	-	1	10	8	-	-	4
TOTAL	18003	5946	979	5838	8844	1960	4790	296	499	693

## Note

Figures in cubic metres

## Species Code

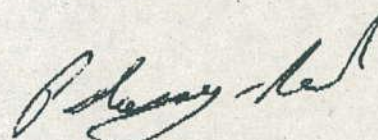
MM - Messmate  
 STS - Silvertop Stringybark  
 THO - Tallowood  
 VIM - White Gum  
 BG - Blue Gum  
 DHS - Diehard Stringybark  
 NEB - New England Blackbutt  
 OTHER - Other Species - normally one of the above

species wrongly punched into the computer or other errors. Can be species not identifiable or minor species with no code specification

FAS - Brown Barrel

Eucalyptus obliqua  
 E. laevopinea  
 E. microcorys  
 E. viminalis  
 E. saligna  
 E. cameronii  
 E. companulata

E. fastigata



P. MASSEY - REED  
 DISTRICT FORESTER  
 17.06.1992



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**Forestry Commission of N.S.W.**

Mr Geoff Martin  
Regional Manager  
Northern Region  
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GRAFTON NSW 2460

Forestry Office

PO Box J19  
COFFS HARBOUR JETTY  
NSW 2450

Your reference:

Our reference : RO

Telephone: 066 528172

Fax: 066 512909

Contact Officer: Ms J Parry

16.06.1992

For Attention: Mr Ashley Love

Dear Geoff,

I write on behalf of representatives from the Forestry Commission, Northern Region, C.L. Brown & Sons, Fenning Timbers and the North East Forest Alliance, who are currently carrying out an assessment of forest values to resolve a dispute over the Mummel Gulf area on Riamukka and Enfield State Forests.

The task of the group is to review the conservation of tall, ecologically mature eucalypt forests on basalt soils within the reserve systems managed by the Forestry Commission and the National Parks and Wildlife Service in the vicinity of the Walcha Nundle and Styx River Management Areas. The attached map shows the area of interest circled by heavy black line.

We need your assistance in completing this review which is intended at this stage to be only a broad brush look at the conservation status of this particular type of forest. I understand the Service has a GIS system and some map-based information on the occurrence of this forest type on land under your control. I would appreciate it if you could supply the following information if you have it and on other lands.

1. The total area of each of the following National Parks (NP) and Nature Reserves (NR)

Wollemi NP  
Oxley Wild Rivers NP  
Woko NP  
Werrikimbe NP  
Barrington Tops NP  
Boorgana NR  
Mount Seaview NR  
Wallabadah NR  
Weelah NR  
Camels Hump NR  
Jasper NR  
Guy Fawkes River NP  
And any other Service areas in the area of interest.





2. (i) The total area and % area of each NP and NR named above which carries ecologically mature eucalypt forest (OGF).
- (ii) The total area of ecologically mature eucalypt forest occurring on each of the other lands, including freehold, leasehold, State Forest and Commonwealth within the area of interest.
3. (i) The total area and % area of each NP and NR named above which carries ecologically mature eucalypt forest (OGF) on basalt derived soils.
- (ii) The total area of ecologically mature eucalypt forest (OGF) on basalt soils occurring on each of the other lands including, freehold, leasehold, State Forest and Commonwealth within the area of interest.
4. The source of this information and reliability (perhaps expressed as a percentage). If reliable information is not available, an estimate by staff who know the area well would be helpful.
5. Maps of these areas showing the location of ecologically mature eucalypt forests (OGF) on basalt soil, land tenure and altitude (low, mid or high) as defined in your system.

I understand, like us, your resources are limited and I hope this request does not place too onerous a burden on staff time. However the information is urgently needed to resolve an important conservation issue and we wish to make our decisions with the best available information.

The group is meeting again on Monday 22nd June. I would appreciate your response, and supply of whatever parts of the above request you can reasonably respond to within the time. The need for the information will go beyond this meeting date, but it would be helpful if you can supply us with some information by then.

Please contact our Community Liaison Officer Ms Jacqui Parry on (066) 528172 or (066) 525324 if you need any clarification of this request.

I hope you can assist us.

Yours faithfully

JOHN BRUCE  
Acting General Manager  
Northern Region



MUMMEL GULF AGREEMENT

Discussions between the parties listed below at Walcha on 20.05.92 resulted in the following agreement :

For a period of one month commencing today ;

- \* there will be no logging in compartments 111, 112, 129 - 142 Riamukka and Enfield State forests, known as the Mummel Gulf area.
- \* Telecom and Civil Aviation Authority works will be allowed to proceed.
- \* there will be no blockades or other obstruction of any logging operations in the Walcha/Nundle and Styx River Management Areas.
- \* NEFA and Forestry Commission staff will work together on an assessment of the Old Growth Forest Resources available in the vicinity of Walcha/Nundle and Styx River Management Areas including Old Growth forests located on National Parks as well as on State Forests.
- \* the Forestry Commission will make all available information regarding the occurrence of Old Growth Forests in the Walcha/Nundle and Styx River Management Areas
- \* reasonable arrangements will be made to accomodate Nefa personnel to carry out the work, bearing in mind the limited office space and the need to keep Walcha Forestry office operating.
- \* NEFA approach the National Parks and Wildlife Service for their assistance and collect information about old growth forests located in National Parks and Nature Reserves from the National Parks and Wildlife Service
- \* there will be a meeting of all parties on Thursday 11th June to review progress.
- \* *the information collected will be available to all parties to this agreement*

## FORESTRY COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES :

Regional General Manager Northern Region  
Regional Forester Glenn Innes Region  
Deputy Regional Forester Glenn Innes Region  
District Forester Walcha  
District Forester Tamworth  
Community Liason Officer

John Bruce  
Brian Furrer  
Mick Cooper  
Paul Massey-Reed  
Ken Fussell  
Jacqui Parry

## NEFA REPRESENTATIVES :

Megan Edwards  
Helmut Aiman  
Chris Sheed

## INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES :

Pat Mullins Logging Manager  
Ron Combes Mill Manag :  
Bob Brown Owner

Fennings Timber  
C L Brown and Sons  
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# N.E.F.A.

## NORTH EAST FOREST ALLIANCE

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John Bruce  
Forestry Commission of NSW  
Coffs Harbour Region  
PO Box J19  
Coffs Harbour Jetty  
NSW 2450

19th June 1992

**Re: Urgent request for agreement to appropriate NPWS  
involvement in Walcha old growth forests issues.**

Dear John,

as a matter of urgency would you please provide the Commission's agreement to our previous request (18.6.92) that the NPWS is allowed to digitise the information on the extent and location of all unlogged forests in the Walcha Nundle MA into their ERMS Geographic Information System.

These areas include those unlogged forests identified through the current negotiation process and those areas identified in the NSW Government June 1990 OGF moratorium

Your agreement to this request is required immediately to allow the NPWS to properly analyse all available information on unlogged forests in the Walcha Nundle MA before our next meeting (22.6.92) at Walcha.

NEFA understands that the NPWS is prepared to present their information to that meeting, and under the circumstances NEFA believes this is appropriate as it will facilitate better understanding of the information presented and queries can be made directly to NPWS representatives.

As time is short it is imperative that you agree now to allow the Service to provide relevant information on the conservation status of the unlogged forest types of the Walcha Nundle MA to the next meeting, with particular emphasis on the forests of high elevation basaltic soils.



It should be noted that your agreement to this request has already been given in principle at the initial meeting (20.5.92) at Walcha when the meeting agreed that NEFA seek the assistance of the NPWS in collecting information about the conservation status of old growth forests in the Walcha Nundle MA.

I trust that you will agree to this provision of information as a matter of urgent priority. Would you please inform me in writing your decision and supporting reasons, and fax them to me this afternoon on 066 222 676.

Thank you for your co-operation and anticipated forthcoming agreement,

yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Steed', with a stylized, cursive script.

Andrew Steed.



New South Wales Government

**Forestry Commission of N.S.W.**

Mr Andrew Steed  
NEFA

BY FAX (066) 222676

Forestry Office

PO Box J19  
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NSW 2450

Your reference:

Our reference : RO 704

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Contact Officer: Mr J Bruce

29.06.1992

Dear Andrew

I refer to your letter of 19.06.92.

Firstly, the first paragraph on the second page is incorrect. The agreement was that NEFA would seek from NPWS "information about old growth forests located in National Parks and Nature Reserves", not State Forests.

Nevertheless, there could be some way in which this process ties in with NPWS and FC involvement in the National Forest Inventory. I shall make some inquiries.

Yours sincerely

JOHN BRUCE  
Acting General Manager  
Northern Region



22nd July 1992

The Hon. E. Pickering MLC  
Minister for Police and Emergency Services  
Level 20  
Avery Building  
14-24 College Street  
Sydney 2001

Att. Andrew Clucas

Dear Mr Pickering,

I understand that members of the State Protection Group went to Armidale on 20 July in order to be involved with removing environmental protesters blocking the access of the logging industry to old growth forests in or near the New England National Park and in the region of Riamucca and Yarrowitch near Walcha. I further understand that these police were involved in borrowing four wheel drive vehicles and other equipment from the New England County Council.

I should be glad if you would seek clarification of the following points from the appropriate sections of the police department.

1. What policy of conciliation does the department pursue in these cases before calling in outside reinforcements?
2. Who is responsible for the decision to involve outside police?
3. What process of conciliation has the department pursued in these two specific cases? May I have copies of the notes of the senior regional officers involved in these discussions?
4. What contact have the relevant local police commander or other senior police had with Leonard Fenning or any of his employees, the Forestry Commission and the office of either Tony Windsor or Ray Chappell? May I have copies of any notes of these contacts (if any) and of any correspondence between these parties and the police department pertaining to these issues?
5. What arrangement did the police department come to with NECC to borrow equipment? What did they borrow and at what cost to the department? May I have copies of any correspondence and or lease agreements pertaining to this issue? Has the department come to similar arrangements with other departments or authorities before? If so, when and at what cost?



6. What forward planning has the police department done on this issue? What plans are there to involve the army (if any) if the protest continues?

7. What consideration of alternative policing of these sorts of disputes has the department considered? May I have copies of any policy documents on this topic?

Thank you in anticipation of your response to these issues. ( )

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Watts', written over a horizontal line.

Simon Watts

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Darlinghurst 2010

Ph. 261 8751



FORCOM COEFS REGION  
OUTCOME OF MEETING 15.6.92

Representatives from NEFA, Timber Industry and Forestry Commission met at Walcha to discuss progress on the assessment of forest values in Walcha/Nundle and Styx River M.A. The outcome of the meeting was:

1. NEFA have undertaken to review their findings and present to the next meeting details of any areas within Mummel Gulf which they consider could be harvested without further protest and blockade action.
2. The Forestry Commission and the Timber Industry undertook to consider these areas, and if the areas are suitable to industry needs to develop a harvesting strategy which will allow the assessment of forest values to continue.
3. The Forestry Commission undertook to supply information about volumes available in the Walcha/Nundle and Styx River Management Areas.
4. The Forestry Commission assured NEFA that if their assessment continued it would make a valuable contribution to EIS currently in progress.
5. The Forestry Commission undertook to draft a letter on behalf of those present at the meeting requesting information from the NP&WS on the occurrence of tall, ecologically mature eucalypt forest on basalt soils within the reserve system managed by the Service within the area surrounding Walcha/Nundle and Styx River M.A.'s, and including:-

Wollemi NP  
Oxley Wild Rivers NP  
Woko NP  
Werrikimbe NP  
Barrington Tops NP  
Boorgana NR  
Mount Seaview NR  
Wallabadah NR  
Weelah NR  
Camels Hump NR  
Jasper NR  
Guy Fawkes River NP

6. The group will meet again in Walcha at 1pm Monday 22nd June.





## Forestry Commission of New South Wales

16.6.92

WALCHA MEETING 15.6.92

Please find attached a copy of my notes from the meeting between the Forestry Commission, Timber Industry and NEFA representatives as listed below. Also attached is a copy of the letter on behalf of the group to NP&WS requesting information required for the forest assessment.

If there are any inaccuracies in the notes on the outcome of the meeting as you understood it, please let me know by return fax (066) 512909. Otherwise I shall assume you are in agreement.

Forestry Commission

John Bruce - Acting Regional Manager, Northern Region.  
Brian Furrer - Regional Forester, Glen Innes  
Paul Massey-Reid - District Forester, Walcha  
Jacqui Parry - Community Liaison Officer, Northern Region

*Cary King - ?*

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Helmut Aiman  
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Timber Industry

Rod Lombes - C.L. Brown & Sons (FPS)  
Bob Brown - C.L. Brown & Sons  
Leonard Fenning - Fenning Timbers (FPS)  
Pat Mullins - Fenning Timbers

See you next Monday.

Yours faithfully

J. PARRY  
Community Liaison Officer



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For Attention: Mr Ashley Love

Dear Geoff,

I write on behalf of representatives from the Forestry Commission, Northern Region, C.L. Brown & Sons, Fenning Timbers and the North East Forest Alliance, who are currently carrying out an assessment of forest values to resolve a dispute over the Mummel Gulf area on Riamukka and Enfield State Forests.

The task of the group is to review the conservation of tall, ecologically mature eucalypt forests on basalt soils within the reserve systems managed by the Forestry Commission and the National Parks and Wildlife Service in the vicinity of the Walcha Nundle and Styx River Management Areas. The attached map shows the area of interest circled by heavy black line.

We need your assistance in completing this review which is intended at this stage to be only a broad brush look at the conservation status of this particular type of forest. I understand the Service has a GIS system and some map-based information on the occurrence of this forest type on land under your control. I would appreciate it if you could supply the following information if you have it and on other lands.

1. The total area of each of the following National Parks (NP) and Nature Reserves (NR) *not relevant*

Wollemi NP  
Oxley Wild Rivers NP  
• Woko NP  
• Werrikimbe NP  
Barrington Tops NP  
Bocrgana NR  
Mount Seaview NR  
Wallabadah NR  
Weelah NR  
Canels Hump NR  
Jasper NR  
Guy Fawkes River NP

And any other Service areas in the area of interest.





2. impossible since not  
full assessed

2. (i) The total area and % area of each NP and NR named above which carries ecologically mature eucalypt forest (OGF).
- (ii) The total area of ecologically mature eucalypt forest occurring on each of the other lands, including freehold, leasehold, State Forest and Commonwealth within the area of interest.
3. (i) The total area and % area of each NP and NR named above which carries ecologically mature eucalypt forest (OGF) on basalt derived soils.
- (ii) The total area of ecologically mature eucalypt forest (OGF) on basalt soils occurring on each of the other lands including, freehold, leasehold, State Forest and Commonwealth within the area of interest.
4. The source of this information and reliability (perhaps expressed as a percentage). If reliable information is not available, an estimate by staff who know the area well would be helpful.
5. Maps of these areas showing the location of ecologically mature eucalypt forests (OGF) on basalt soil, land tenure and altitude (low, mid or high) as defined in your system.

I understand, like us, your resources are limited and I hope this request does not place too onerous a burden on staff time. However the information is urgently needed to resolve an important conservation issue and we wish to make our decisions with the best available information.

The group is meeting again on Monday 22nd June. I would appreciate your response, and supply of whatever parts of the above request you can reasonably respond to within the time. The need for the information will go beyond this meeting date, but it would be helpful if you can supply us with some information by then.

Please contact our Community Liaison Officer Ms Jacqui Parry on (066) 528172 or (066) 525324 if you need any clarification of this request.

I hope you can assist us.

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Yours faithfully

\* maps showing wet euc/dry euc  
above 900 m  
on basalt

JOHN BRUCE  
Acting General Manager  
Northern Region

- + other elevations : also slope

\* tables

\* printout - amount of basalt cleared  
& forested.



