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7th June 1996

Dear Peter,                      The following comments will, I hope, answer your questions.

Re: The EIS. I assume you refer to the Dorrigo Management Area EIS of 1992, not the smaller EIS for Compartment 180, 198 & 200 of 1990.

In 1992 there was a separate Fauna Impact Statement prepared as the companion document to the DMA EIS. These documents reached an advanced state of assessment within the Department of Planning. As I recall it was the 1990 3 Compartment EIS which was withdrawn early in the DoP's assessment. I prepared a detailed legal challenge to the DMA EIS during 1993 which focussed on the numerous inadequacies of the EIS & FIS. By July 1993 I had accumulated sworn affidavits from a dozen leading consultant scientists who deposed on the EIS's flaws from their expert fields. These criticisms addressed fauna, flora, engineering & energy, geology, economics, water and soil impacts and remain on files held by me.

I know for a fact that the Department of Planning knew of my intention to commence further litigation to prevent the EIS being approved. (I had previously run other legal proceedings in the NSW Land & Environment Court).

The Director of the Department of Planning, Gabrielle Kibble, was aware of her Department's critical assessment of then FCNSW's EIS and formally advised Dr Hans Drielsma of FCNSW that the Department would recommend the refusal of the Dorrigo MA EIS just as it had recommended earlier the refusal of the Mount Royal EIS. Dr Drielsma formally withdrew the Dorrigo MA EIS on 29 June and issued a media release to that effect, only hours before its final formal determination by the then Minister for Planning, after months of critical assessment by both the DoP and my consultant scientific experts. The document was riddled with inaccuracies, omissions, irrelevant and misleading information. The SMH reported the DMA's EIS withdrawal the following day. Check this so ensure that I am right and that DoP have got it wrong and are referring to the 1990 3 Cpt EIS.

1. Nature Reserves cannot be logged. An Act of Parliament would have to revoke their dedications under the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1967, before harvesting could be legally permitted.

2. Habitat Trees Phew! This is an active and detailed area of conservation biology research. Pages could be used to address this. 'Habitat trees' provide places for animals to live in or around. The trees might provide food directly (leaves, fruits), roosting / nesting sites, or key materials for a nest, a hunting platform, a launching or landing platform, a territorial boundary i.e. a normal part of their home range. Typically a large 'old growth' tree will have many hollows up to quite large sizes, formed in hollow branches or within the main stem. These trees provide 'habitat' to many species at the same time, each species of which may use the tree in a different manner to meet their special requirements. At present it is a legal requirement of timber harvesting that a specified number of 'habitat trees' (up to 6! per ha.) be left standing within harvested areas. We feel these prescriptions are the bare minimum. We are pressing for younger trees to be also exempted from harvesting so that they can mature into these hollow bearing 'old growth' trees.

'Refuge trees' is not a term I've come across much. 'Refuge areas' describe areas of high quality habitat, or any areas, adjacent to forests undergoing harvesting. Typically the animals that can move do move, tragically often not until the destruction has occurred and trees are on the ground and machinery, or fire, approaches. Many animals cannot move, or move faster enough, or adapt and die immediately. Fleeing animals seek refuge in adjacent habitat, but often encounter territorial disputes, competition for scarce resources, stress and social dislocation, increased predation etc. Thus many other animals die later via effects they would not have experienced had the area not been disturbed by forestry activities. One 'refuge' area of forest cannot accommodate and effectively provide sustenance to the animals of another in addition to its own endemic species.

Further: the idea of habitat trees is quite reliable and many species such as Koalas, Yellow-bellied Gliders, Lace Monitors visible mark the trees they use. Raptors such as eagles often have conspicuous nests. Tree use by other species is more difficult to observe. Forestry Commission (now State Forests NSW) has been very unreliable at learning to recognise 'habitat trees' and applying this recognition to the appropriately amend their Harvesting Plans.



3. I agree it is very general. I have grave doubt that this ever occurs as a priority action. It would most likely be by a SFNSW officer in the field encountering a vehicle which needed cautioning. SFNSW have a legal power to control traffic in SF's and its the practice of the timber industry to close many forestry roads to large trucks in wet weather.

4. Dorrigo MA has some of the highest rainfall in Australia, over some of the nation's steepest slopes. Many of the soil types in the MA are highly erodible under commonplace rainfall events. Site inspections of most recent logging sites show heavy discharges of dirty local stormwater. Local soil conservation works are often not done or are poorly done, so their actual effectiveness is difficult to assess. Wild Cattle Creek and the Nymboida River, tributaries of the Clarence River are regularly affected. The poor treatment of hydrology generally and particular soil conservation works as effective mitigation measures were matters which I sought to have expert consultants bring further evidence to the Court attention in my proceedings.

In other MA's such as that immediately to the south Urunga MA have suffered catastrophic slope collapses and water pollution events as a direct result of logging and roading operations. e.g. Oakes SF, and Pee Dee SF. Twice now Forestry Commission has been successfully prosecuted by private individuals for the pollution of their creeks by forestry operations. Bailey vs FCNSW 1988 and Van Son vs FCNSW 1993 were heard before the NSW Land & Environment Court. EPA prosecuted FCNSW (SFNSW) for the Oakes SF pollution in the Coffs Harbour Local Court in 1994.

5. The serious consequences are real. They include a major reduction in then existing and (later acknowledged) massive unsustainable levels of logging framed by the then MA 'quotas'. In 1995 Minister Yeadon announced a 30% across the board quota reduction in order to bring yield back closer to a sustainable level. The present levels are still not claimed to be ecologically sustainable, nor can such a claim be presently credibly justified. *In '92 major cuts weren't considered feasible... by SFNSW + the National Party.*

6. This quote demonstrates the way the EIS language misleads the reader. The overwhelming scientific research demonstrates major impacts on local populations of most fauna species. Only some adaptive, opportunistic species benefit from logging since they are best able to quickly colonise the newly disturbed area. Evidence from FCNSW own research works proves the impacts of logging on fauna populations but this information was suppressed by FCNSW until gained under the Court's subpoena. FCNSW site research is commonly poorly organised and often lacks trained or experienced personnel. Whatever 'evidence' the EIS refers to ought to be referenced, or footnoted, and have been the subject of peer review by the conservation biological scientific community. Was it? In 1992 FCNSW research rarely went down this route.

7. A 'fauna survey' can mean many things. Essentially it's supposed to be a comprehensive survey of the animal species which use the area of environment under study, or proposed to be disturbed. Typical surveys would seek different species with different means: In use as techniques are: 'hair tubes', live traps, tape playbacks, spotlighting, stone/ log rolling, call recognition, feather, turd or bone i.d. NPWS have a series of 'protocols' or approved methodologies for surveying for specific animal species. Ideally, these surveys must encompass the full seasonal range (i.e. summer, autumn, winter, spring) to ensure that the many seasonal users, such as migratory birds, and gliders which go into torpor (deep sleep) during winter, are not overlooked. *In '92 it was common for SFNSW to log without looking for fauna species!*

8. Re: the Platypus. Riparian zone clearance for agriculture has probably had the greatest impact, though major forestry operations especially the removal of 'old growth' forests, greatly reduces water yields into catchments effectively decreasing flows in the 2nd - 20th years after logging. Flow rates & volumes (& silt levels) are increased in the first year or 18 months after logging. Then they drop significantly.

As to evidence of forestry affecting the status of the platypus, I doubt whether FCNSW (SFNSW) have ever commissioned a specific research project into this themselves. Thus there may well be no evidence... The Australian Museum may know what threatens the status of the platypus in the wild. The quote, nonetheless, demonstrates the way EIS authors use language to refer to a lack of data or inquiry so as to convey the impression that there has been an adequate study of platypus 'threats' and that there is no impact on them from forestry operations. The fact at that time would more accurately be stated as: "The EIS has not recognised or assessed the impacts of forestry operations on aquatic ecosystems within the forests proposed to be harvested."

Hope this helps. Please include an acknowledgement if appropriate. 'Corkill pers comm'. I'd appreciate it if you'd send me a copy of your finished assignment / essay.

Cheers.

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*end fax.*



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**EDO POLICY DAY - 17 FEBRUARY 1996**What should the EDO be doing?

Each year the EDO holds a policy day. The EDO Board, members of the EDO, representatives from conservation groups, community groups and academia are invited to contribute. It is a chance for people to help set the EDO's agenda for the next 2 years.

On behalf of the Board we invite you to participate in the EDO's 1996 policy day on 17 February 1996 at Pilgrim House, 160 Pitt Street Sydney from 1.00pm to 5.00pm. Please let us know if you are able to come. Your contribution will be greatly appreciated.

The EDO has successfully achieved many of the objectives and completed many of the activities outlined in last year's strategic plan.

In particular, the EDO has carried out extensive work to strengthen Commonwealth environmental impact assessment procedures including carrying out litigation to challenge decisions made under Commonwealth environmental assessment laws in the woodchipping context, preparing a review of Commonwealth environmental assessment laws on behalf of peak conservation groups and conducting a 2 day conference on Commonwealth environmental impact assessment.

The EDO has also been successful in establishing a network of environmental lawyers throughout Australia.

Should you be able to participate, we shall forward you a copy of our strategic plan, together with our annual report for 1995, before the policy day.

We would like your ideas on what the EDO should be doing.

Should there be more litigation? More community education?

What environmental issues should the EDO concentrate on - threatened species? heritage? forests? contaminated land?

The EDO cannot do everything and the strategic planning day is one way of focussing the EDO's efforts on the key environmental problems, delivering its service in a form which will meet the greatest need.

If you cannot come to the policy day, please let us have your ideas beforehand, ideally in writing in no more than 2 pages.

Hope to see you there!



# FACSIMILE MESSAGE

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## MESSAGE

AS PER OUR CONVERSATION HERE ARE THE QUESTIONS.

\* AS MENTIONED, 'PLANNING' TOLD ME IT WAS REJECTED FUNDAMENTALLY BECAUSE A FAUNA IMPACT STUDY HAD NOT BEEN DONE. IF YOU WISH TO DO ANYTHING, TO THAT PLS DO.

1. CAN NATURAL RESERVES BE LOST (IF REQUIRED)?
2. "HABITAT TREES" = "REFUGE TREES"?  
ARE THE LEFT BECAUSE THEY ARE MOSTLY JUNK?  
BAILEY. HOW RELIABLE IS THE IDEA OF HABITAT TREES?
3. E.I.S. STATES (PAGE 13-4) "RECREATION ACCESS BY A WD. & MOTORABLES WHILE BE CONTROLLED WHERE NECESSARY." SOUNDS V. GENERAL. DOES IT HARDEN?
4. ARE THERE ANY PARTICULAR PROBLEMS IN THE M.R. WITH STREAM WATER QUALITY & RUNOFF?
5. NO LOGGING IN OLD GROWTH AREAS - "THE ABOVE SUGGESTION WOULD HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES & IS NOT A FEASIBLE ALTERNATIVE" (12-12)  
ANY COMMENTS?
6. IMPACT ON FAUNA (11-4):  
"THERE IS INCREASING EVIDENCE THAT SELECTIVE LOGGING MAY NOT SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT THE POPULATION STATUS OF THE MAJORITY OF FAUNA."  
ANY COMMENTS?
7. WHAT CONSTITUTES A FAUNA SURVEY? (TRANSECTS, ...)
8. "IN EVIDENCE FORESTRY HAS AFFECTED THE STATUS OF THE PLANTYLS (10-42). IS THIS RIGHT?"

WELL THIS DOESN'T MAKE A LOT OF WORK FOR YOU!  
I'LL CALL AT THE MANAGEMENTS TOMORROW MID MORNING - THEY'RE OPEN EARLY MONDAY (JOB-HOL) BUT I'D GUESS YOU'RE NOT.

IF IT'S OF ANY HELP MY HOME NO. IS 047) 51 79 57  
(BUT MINE)

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR HELP & MUCH APPRECIATED

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NOT GIVE ME  
A BIT MORE  
TIME





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Our reference:  
Your reference:

13 AUG 1993

*Dailan*  
Dear Mr Pugh

Thank you for your fax of 30 July 1993 concerning the media release issued by the Forestry Commission of NSW on the Dorrigo EIS. The Director-General has asked me to acknowledge your correspondence and respond to your suggestion of a Service press release.

Thank you for your concern on behalf of the Service. However, it is our view that engaging in a public slanging match with the Commission is not productive. You may be assured, nonetheless, that the Service will continue to be an advocate for nature conservation and sustainable forestry practices within the NSW Government.

Yours sincerely,

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BY FACSIMILE: 484 1310

ATTENTION: A. Ireland

Dear Sir

CORKILL v FORESTRY COMMISSION OF NEW SOUTH WALES  
Land & Environment Court No. 40108 of 1993

As you know, we act for John Corkill and the North East Forest Alliance.

We refer to the announcements by the Minister for Land and Water Resources and the Commissioner for Forests on Friday last relating to the decision to abandon the Dorrigo EIS.

So that we may consider our position in relation to this litigation, please inform us as soon as possible:

- a. Has the Forestry Commission now abandoned any reliance upon the Dorrigo Management Area EIS and FIS for the purpose of fulfilling its obligations under Part V of the EPA Act or the relevant provisions of the NSW Act?
- b. Has the Forestry Commission abandoned any reliance upon the three compartments EIS for Chaelundi State Forest for the purposes of fulfilling its obligations under Part V of the EPA ACT?
- c. Does the Forestry Commission propose to approve logging, roading or any other forestry activities in:

- (i) the non-moratorium parts of the Dorrigo Management Area;
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in the next two years?

- d. If so, in what compartments, for what activities and when are the activities likely to take place?
- e. Does the Forestry Commission concede that Part V is no longer suspended for the non-moratorium areas of the Dorrigo Management Area?



- f. Has the Forestry Commission abandoned the proposal to log, etc Compartments 180, 198 and 200 of Chaelundi State Forest? If not, when does it propose to commence logging those compartments?

As a consequence of the announcements to which we have referred, our clients consider it appropriate for the stakeholders in the dispute over the logging and management of high conservation value forests in the Dorriggo Management Area to meet in a roundtable format to seek to resolve the matters in dispute, including the securing of timber resources for industry, the surveys and information necessary to identify conservation areas and the logging, etc prescriptions which ought apply in areas secured to industry. Our client Mr Corkill would be prepared to consent to the adjournment of existing proceedings in the Court if genuine attempts are made to address these matters of substantial public interest.

We consider that any future assessment of the environmental values of this area and the impacts of forestry activities must be undertaken by scientists of repute in their respective fields pursuant to an agreed protocol relating to the scope of their work.

Participants in any roundtable discussions should include the Cabinet Office, DOP, NPWS, EPA, CALM, FCNSW, NEFA, NCEC, NCC, FPA, timber industry community groups which genuinely represent small millers and contractors and scientific institutions. The discussions should be chaired by an independent facilitator with some understanding of the scientific issues involved in this long-running dispute.

The facilitator ought to be appointed after discussion with the participants and preferably by consensus.

We note that this or similar offers to join in dispute resolution processes for this area have been made by our clients but rejected on previous occasions.

We would appreciate your response to these questions and offer as soon as possible so that we can inform the Land & Environment Court of our attitude to the future conduct of this litigation.

Yours faithfully



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Draft only - for settling by Mr Woolf and Mr Robertson

< On Woolf Associates letterhead >

Dr Hans Drielsma,  
Forestry Commission of NSW,  
2/423 Pennant Hills Rad,  
Pennant Hills. 2120.

*date*  
*per fax 484 1310*

Dear Dr Drielsma,

Re: Corkill Vs Forestry Commission of NSW  
Land and Environment Court No. 40108 of 1993

As you know we act for Mr John Corkill and the North Easdt Forest Alliance.

I refer to our letter of 2 August 1993 and to your reply dated 18 August 1993.

Thank you for your advice that the Commission will not rely on either the Dorrigo MA EIS or FIS as they stand, for the purposes of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, or for the purposes of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974.

Your reply is not clear in its reference to the 3 Compartment EIS.

We understand your letter to mean that the Commission:

- \* has abandoned reliance on the 3 Compartment EIS;
- \* the 3 Compartments would be included in the further 'adequate EIS for the whole of the Dorrigo Management Area';
- \* no logging, roading, burning etc would be carried out in the 3 Compartments until such time as the 'adequate EIS for the whole of the Dorrigo Management Area' had been completed and determined by the Minister for Planning;

We request that you immediately confirm or clarify our understandings, expressed above, of your intentions.

We renew our request that you advise what forestry operations are proposed to be carried out in the next two (2) years in:

- i) the non-moratorium parts of Dorrigo MA;
- ii) the moratorium areas of the Dorrigo MA; and
- iii) the 3 Compartments 180, 198 & 200 of Chaelundi SF.

We renew our request that you advise in what compartments, for what activities and when such activities are proposed.

I am instructed that Mr Corkill has forwarded Mr Pugh's proposal to you directly.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Sirs

**CORKILL v. FORESTRY COMMISSION OF NSW  
LAND AND ENVIRONMENT COURT NO. 40108 OF 1993**

I refer to your letter dated 25 August 1993.

As you would be aware, the Commission is now trading under the name of State Forests of NSW.

In response to your questions 1 to 3 we advise as follows:

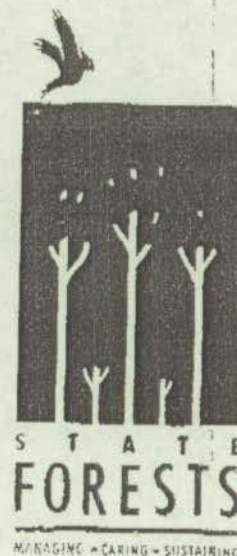
- 1 & 2 State Forests will decide, in the light of further environmental impact assessments, what degree of reliance, if any, is to be placed on the three - Compartment EIS. The form of a further EIS has not yet been settled.
- 3 Please refer to the reply under point b. in our letter dated 18 August 1993.

In relation to your penultimate paragraph, we advise that an order of working for that period has not yet been settled; in any case, the implementation of an order of working is always subject to individual decisions, compartment by compartment, after appropriate environmental impact assessments and settling of appropriate operational prescriptions, and other factors.

We confirm that we have received a copy of Mr Pugh's proposal.

Yours faithfully

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**Senior Legal Officer**



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DATE 19th August 1993

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Dear John

DORRIGO MANAGEMENT AREA

I enclose copy letter dated 18th August 1993 which we have received from the Forestry Commission of NSW.

At the call-over of this matter before Registrar Connell on 19th August 1993 the Forestry Commission was represented by Mr Brian Preston.

I informed the Court that we had written to the Commission on 2nd August 1993 and received reply on 18th August 1993 and accordingly we require short adjournment to obtain instructions on the matter.

Accordingly the matter was adjourned to 26th August 1993 for further call-over.

Mr Preston indicated that in his view the proceedings were premature and that as the EIS had been withdrawn there was no utility in the current proceedings. The proceedings therefore should be dismissed. Alternatively if you wish to litigate some other point then the proceedings should be amended.

Please let me have your instructions in relation to the proceedings prior to the next call-over on 26th August 1993.

Yours sincerely,



Bruce Stephen Woolf

cc. T.F. Robertson



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DATE 13th August 1993

Mr J. Corkill  
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Dear John

DORRIGO MANAGEMENT AREA

On 13th August 1993 in accordance with your instructions and advice from Tim Robertson of Counsel, we filed Notice of Discontinuance as against the Minister for Planning by consent of the Minister for Planning.

I enclose cheque for \$2,500.00 in favour of Dr Des Nichol which we had received from Australians for Animals NSW Inc.

Yours sincerely,



Bruce Stephen Woolf

cc. Mr T.F. Robertson



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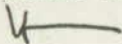
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27th September, 1991

Professor B.G. Thom,  
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SYDNEY N.S.W. 2001

Dear Sir,

RE: COASTAL MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE - YAMBA - 6TH - 8TH NOVEMBER, 1991  
PROGRAM AND REGISTRATION PAPERS

Further to my forward Notice dated 27th June, 1991 advising of this Conference, we now enclose the Conference Program and Registration Papers for your consideration.

The closing date for Registration for the Conference is 25th October, 1991. It is acknowledged that from this date to the closing date is a short time. Would you please assist in passing on the attached information to the relevant sections of your organisations as soon as possible.

We look forward to your attendance.

Yours faithfully,

P.J. Rose  
SHIRE CLERK



# Forestry Commission of N.S.W.



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18th August 1993

Dear Sirs

## **Corkill v. Forestry Commission of NSW Land and Environment Court No. 40108 of 1993**

I refer to your letter dated 2nd August 1993.

In response to your questions marked a. to f. we advise as follows:

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- d. See c.(i) above.
- e. No.
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Yours faithfully

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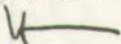
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12 August 1993

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I forward copies because I believe it is important that you are accurately and directly informed as to NEFA's position and our requests to Forestry Commission of NSW. I also enclose a recent 'NEFA Campaign Profile' which may provide an interesting view of the last few years of the north east forests campaign.

Currently, I am awaiting a response to Woolf Associates letter of 2 August, its questions and our offer of a dispute mediation process, before making a decision as to the status of the litigation commenced in the Land and Environment Court to challenge the compliance of the 1992 Dorrigo MA EIS, FIS and the 1990 Chaelundi EIS with the formal requirements of law. NEFA's letter of 12 August requests a reply by 31/8/1993.

The Alliance welcomes your announcements of a forest policy unit within C&LM, the appointment of 3 external Commissioners (The Commissioner and 2 Assistant Commissioners) and the review of the Commission's links with industry, community and government. We would very much like to receive more information on the proposed restructuring and the formation of the forest policy unit.

We believe the people who fill these positions will have very difficult jobs to perform and must have practical experience in forest ecology, hydrology, soil conservation and soci-economic impact assessment, not simply timber production. NEFA believes that the Commissioner's will need to be full-time and unconnected to the Commission's corporate culture if they are to achieve the supervision and policy overhaul roles which are so sorely needed.

NEFA also welcomes your announcement of a 'freeze' on the EIS process pending a review of the EIS process. However we believe it would be appropriate for no document to proceed to public exhibition until it is ensured that it meets the relevant requirements. Thus we believe it is important that the Kempsey Wauchope MA EIS be withdrawn as was the Dorrigo MA EIS.



As you will see from our letter to Dr Drielsma, NEFA is of the view that the exhibition of inadequate documents is unlawful, an abuse of the public participation process, and is offensive to many people and interests in the community.

The offer of a 'roundtable' dispute mediation process for Dorriggo MA outlined in Woolf Associates letter is relevant to the proposal broadly outlined in your statement of 30 July.

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NEFA welcomes your request for a search for a better methodology for EISs but believes that a broader review or dispute resolution process is required.

NEFA remains committed to ensuring that the National Forest Policy Statement, and the various binding commitments therein, signed by Premier Fahey in December 1992 remains as the framework for resolving the range of issues in dispute in forest management and resource allocation in the state's north east region.

*Technical*  
*critique*  
We are deeply concerned that the NSW government's nominee to the NFPS working group on reserve selection is a FCNSW staff member who has no relevant qualifications or experience in reserve selection or design and who has authored or co-authored many of the fauna studies which have been shown to be grossly inadequate. We cannot have confidence in any recommendations made by the Commission's delegate given their ongoing hostility to the NFPS and the central commitment: the creation of an 'adequate, comprehensive and representative reserve system'.

NEFA wants to participate in a credible, Commonwealth accredited regional assessment process as outlined in the NFPS, and in accord with the IGAE, the National Strategy on ESD and Agenda 21: an agenda clearly far broader than a technical review on how the Commission can comply with the Part V EIS process.

*can't*  
*before*  
*have*  
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Such an EIS review may become less relevant and urgent if the long awaited decisions are made, in accord with the NFPS, to properly assess the range of forest values in the north east forests and permanently protect these. Agreements as to sources for a sustainable timber industry may then become much easier to achieve and again much less controversial.

*ecologically*  
NEFA wishes to congratulate you for your announcement on the ABC Radio's 'Green and Practical' program that you are willing to accept the Federal Government's offer of \$5 million for old growth forest assessments in NSW. We urge you to ensure that these assessments are commenced as soon as possible and are conducted in a scientifically credible manner.

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NEFA believes such assessments, as well as providing critical information for conservation purposes, will provide accurate, up to date assessments of extant timber resources which can be used to further consider which forests may available for harvesting following the setting aside of areas necessary for conservation.



We are very keen to meet with you, or the staff of C&LM's Forest Policy Unit, at the earliest opportunity to progress these crucial objectives and assessments.

NEFA will continue to campaign for 'an adequate, comprehensive, representative' secure reserve system capable of protecting this State's bio-diversity until it is achieved: be that by end of 1995 as promised in the NFPS, or thereafter.

We have made it perfectly plain in our public statements to date that NEFA's objectives are positive: the protection of wilderness, rainforests, old growth forests, endangered species, koori cultural heritage & high water quality. We want to see an ecologically sustainable timber industry on the North Coast, but assert that there must be changes by and within industry before a claim to ecological sustainability can credibly be made. We also want to see a publicly accountable, professional, multi-disciplinary forest management authority capable of complying with law, and meeting such an industry's needs and the community's expectations.

We have been able, unlike the Commission or industry, to support these aims with scientific research, legally credible statements and widespread community support. It cannot be gainsaid that our campaign to date has been in the public interest. We believe that far more has been achieved in modernising and appropriately regulating forestry operations in NSW in the last 4 years than in many decades prior.

We do NOT have as part of <sup>Some</sup> our objectives the ending of all native forest logging, unlike other conservation groups. We do not wish to 'exterminate' the timber industry. Those who assert otherwise do so falsely and at risk of their own credibility.

We reject tags such as 'anti-timber lobby' etc as simplistic and misleading. Please do not use such terms again in reference to NEFA as they are part of a deliberate industry and Commission propaganda lexicon.

We would very much appreciate an 'in principle' expression of interest in supporting and resourcing a process of dispute mediation consistent with the NFPS etc. My colleague and fellow co-ordinator Mr Dailan Pugh has drafted a proposal for such a process which has been forwarded to your staff as an advanced draft. A final version will be available quite soon.

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@ \$15/hr = \$180

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Phone call ~~to~~ Paula Flack 065 644058.  
Nth Arm Rd Bowra.

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Crooked Top Mtn proposed logging

working @ west of Bowraville as fauna surveyor

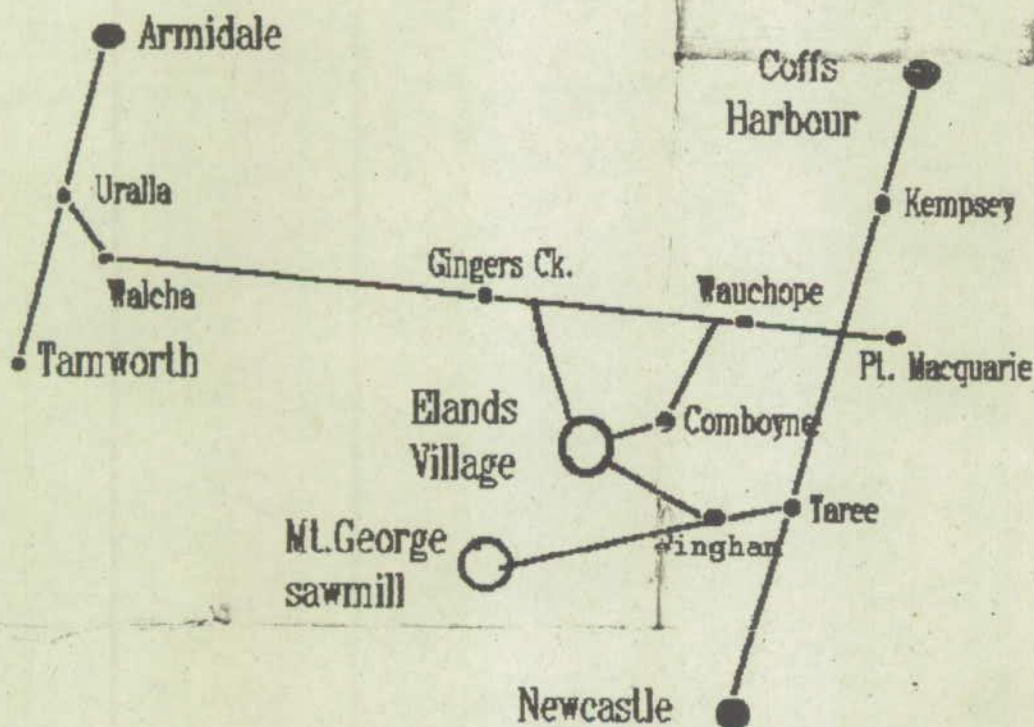
Has seen 'threads' in forest. She spoke to S. Rayson  
who says it's "lost thread" method of measuring distances.

She says <sup>it poses</sup> hazards to wildlife - 100's of metres of string hung up  
in bush - 2nd thread by auditors!

Landcare group Nth Arm. re activated

copies of letters raising concerns. on the way. to  
NEFA C/- Big Scrub.

# How to get to Elands and join the blockade of Boral logging in Bulga State Forest.



Bring your camping gear, join us in  
blockade of Boral's sawmill at Mt  
George, via Wingham

No compromise in defence of Mother  
Earth! Come to Mt. George Sawmill and  
help save the last of our ancient  
forests.

From: Wingham Forest Action on 8th of May 1993

Please photocopy and re-distribute, display in shop windows and  
public noticeboards.

This is a live and happening thing - get here as soon as you  
can.

*Bulga ritz*



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Dr Hans Drielsma,  
Forestry Commission of NSW,  
2/423 Pennant Hilss Road,  
Pennant Hills. 2120

10 August 1993

Dear Sir,

Re: Request for withdrawal of environmental impact statement and  
fauna impact statements which fail to meet statutory requirements

Further to Woolf Associates' letter of 2nd August 1993, I note that no reply has been recieved to date.

I refer to the rejection of the Mount Royal MA EIS by the Minister for Planning and to your Media Release dated 29/7/1993 which announced the 'withdrawal' of the Dorriggo MA EIS. I also refer to the Minister for Land and Water Conservation's Media Release dated 30/7/1993.

NEFA regrets that the Forestry Commission is still unable to accept the blame for the failure of the Commision's publicly exhibited documents to meet minimum statutory requirements for EISs and FISSs.

We note that this latest demonstration of the Commission's inability to accept responsibility for its actions and the Commission's blaming of other agencies for its own failings are entirely consistent with the Commission's previous performances and history in complying with law.

Your news release of 29/7/1993 is further proof that the confrontationist, unaccountable corporate culture of the Commission, justly criticised by the NSW Parliament's Public Accounts Committee in 1990, has survived any restructuring which may have been subsequently effected.

Given the Commission's long <sup>overdue</sup> ~~awaited~~ acceptance of the need for it to meet the minimum statutory requirements imposed under various legislation, and the apparent belated acknowledgement of the inadequacies of documents it has exhibited, I write to formally request that other exhibited documents be withdrawn as was the Dorriggo Management Area EIS.

Attached is a copy of the draft proposal for a Waste Minimisation Strategy for Lismore.

The kerbside recycling working group on the 20/1/93 has amended and recommended the proposal for approval.

The proposal will be discussed at the meeting of 8/2/93 for further amendment and approval by W.M.A.C.

It is therefore important that this document is read beforehand.



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We remain convinced that the exhibition of doc's is not ~~in accordance~~ <sup>an abuse of</sup> unlawful, but it <sup>is</sup> ~~an abuse of~~ the public part processes, and offensive to ~~these many~~ <sup>people</sup> in the industry people + members of Re-2- general public.

NEFA requests that you immediately withdraw the following documents, which in our opinion and the opinion of our consultants and legal advisers, do not meet the relevant statutory requirements:

- \* Kempsey - Wauchope MA purported Environmental Impact Statement;
- \* Kempsey - Wauchope MA purported Fauna Impact Statement;
- \* Mistake SF Fauna Impact Statement;
- \* Wingham MA Fauna Impact Statement

GI FIS.

I request a reply to this serious ~~and deliberate~~ request at your earliest convenience, but in any event on or before the end of August 1993.

I wish to make it perfectly clear that in the event that you decline to withdraw these inadequate documents, or fail to respond within the requested time, NEFA will take further legal and expert advice and will pursue all necessary steps, ~~of those available to us~~, to enforce those statutory requirements ~~which the various documents fail to meet~~ <sup>again</sup> ~~any~~ <sup>of law.</sup>

I renew NEFA's offer of a dispute resolution process for the Dorriggo Management Area specifically, and/or for the north east region generally, which involves all affected parties and an independent facilitator.

My colleague Mr Dailan Pugh has prepared a detailed proposal for such a process to initiate discussions on a suitable format and procedure. Should you express and 'in principle' interest in participating in such a process I will be only too happy to forward to you a copy of his proposal.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters of public interest. I look forward to your early reply.

Yours sincerely,

John R. Corkill  
Co-ordinator,  
Applicant to the Court.

*outlined in ~~But~~ WA's  
letter 2 August 93.*



## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*Lismore City Council resolved to develop a waste minimisation strategy to the point of implementation and has established a Waste Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) to oversee its development.*

*The Committee defined objectives for waste minimisation which included a central aim of reducing waste being disposed of to landfill by at least 50% by the year 2000, based on 1990 figures.*

*The aim of the report is to provide a basis for action which sets clear objectives for waste minimisation and recycling initiatives and establishes a basis for "result based" prioritisation of effort. It provides an assessment of the effectiveness of initiatives in waste avoidance, waste reduction, waste re-use, recycling, waste treatment, waste disposal and landfill gas recovery, as a basis for decision making and reports on the technical and financial merits of options.*

*National and International efforts to implement recycling, resource recovery and waste minimisation initiatives stem from environmental, social and economic pressures. Developed nations worldwide are increasingly setting themselves goals for waste reduction. In 1991, the Australian and New Zealand Environment Conservation Council (ANZECC) taskforce supported a target of a 50% reduction in waste going to landfill by the year 2000, an objective supported by State Governments throughout Australia.*

*The ANZECC Committee noted that waste is a community problem requiring community based solutions, involving government, community groups, industry and the householder. It sought to encourage all State and Territory governments to enter into negotiations with industry groups and local government associations to develop co-operative recycling systems in accordance with the National Strategy and to encourage local governments to develop plans to achieve waste reduction, especially the introduction of appropriate waste disposal charges and where possible the introduction of kerbside collection systems for recycling.*

*The Local Government & Shires Association Reference Group on waste management has expressed the view that development of waste management in N.S.W. should be co-ordinated by a single State Government Authority. The Association has suggested that such an Authority should be managed by majority representation from Local Government and have representation from the environment movement and Industry and develop a waste minimisation strategy to ensure waste reduction targets were met.*

*Population growth in the Lismore area continues at higher than state averages. Other statistics clearly show that per capita waste generation rates also continue to grow, with a parallel increase in waste collection and disposal costs.*

*The solid waste stream can be divided into five primary areas which include domestic garbage, commercial and industrial waste, Council waste from streets, parks and gardens, private vehicle delivery to landfill, and demolition waste.*

*Waste generation is closely linked to the level of economic activity and population. Varies studies have estimated waste generation on a per capita basis for metropolitan areas. Application of metropolitan figures to rural centres such as Lismore will always present some problems in interpretation.*



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MESSAGE:

Please deliver these 2 pages / format  
to Mr Ran Smythe @ 185 MARY St  
Grafton with my compliments - Thanks x♥F  
Good luck & Copmanhurst SC.

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The Hon George Souris, MLA,  
Minister for Land and Water Conservation,  
98 Bridge Street, Muswellbrook. 2333

4 August 1993

Dear Minister,

*I refer to FC 29/7 yours 30/7/93*

*Conveying*  
Please find attached for your information ~~a copy~~<sup>ies</sup> of a recent letter from my solicitors to the Forestry Commission of NSW relating to the Dorrig Management Area Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). *+ from our group re other areas*

I am forwarding ~~a copy~~<sup>ies</sup> to you since you have had and continue to have an interest in the Commission's continuing failure to comply with its statutory obligations.

*Woolf Arson*  
Currently, I am awaiting a response to ~~this~~ letter, its questions and our offer of a dispute mediation process, before making a decision as to the status of the litigation commenced in the Land and Environment Court to challenge the compliance of the Dorrig MA EIS with the formal requirements for such an EIS.

The offer of a 'roundtable' dispute mediation process and outlined in this letter to the Commission is also relevant to your agency.

I would very much appreciate an 'in principle' expression of interest in participating in such a process of dispute mediation if you agree such a process is worth pursuing. My colleague and fellow co-ordinator Mr Dailan Pugh has drafted a detailed proposal for such a process which, should you express an interest, I would be happy to forward to you.

I look forward to your response at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

John R. Corkill  
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