

Dear NR Guardians,

Please come to One of the public meetings organised by NEFA (NRG is a NEFA member .) Discussion will commence after a short film shown at 7 PM at Nimbin this Wednesday. Soup and bread plus hot tea will be available (by donation.)

When it comes to NSW forestry, the 20- year regional forest agreements are about to come due.

At a time when the role of forests is vital for carbon sequestration and water quality, the NSW government seeks to work with their conservative federal colleagues to simply roll over these agreements, no matter the cost to the taxpayer or the environment.

In 2017 NSW should be celebrating the 50 year anniversary of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. One of our most precious public assets, instead we have a government that is contemplating de-listing some of our national parks and has slashed hundreds of millions of dollars out of the service.

When it comes to climate change and renewable energy the current government barely wants to mention these issues. Buried on a website somewhere there is an aspirational target for achieving net zero emissions by 2050. But absolutely no plan to achieve it.

In the meantime our cities get hotter, sea level rise continues, our fires become more frequent and more destructive and we clear more and more land."

The Australia Institute's revelation that Forest Corp loses \$11m in selling 200,000m³ of our timber each year is disturbing. We lose timber, money, species, sequestered carbon etc. We'd be financially winning by \$11m/yr as well as environmentally just by not logging native forests at all. Farming trees as a commercial venture can bring peace to our public lands.

As forest /wildlife advocates, NEFA will be working with the National Parks Association of NSW and regional/local environmental groups to organise a series of information sessions to raise community awareness about the destruction associated with current public forest logging and promote a better alternative for our public forests - one fit for the 21st century.

In the Northern Rivers Stand Up 4 Forest meetings will be in held in :

Kyogle : Tuesday 5th June 5:30 PM in the Memorial Hall

Mur'bah : Wedn 6th June 6 PM to 8 PM , Uniting Church Hall corner Byangum Rd

Nimbin : Wedn 13th June 6:30 PM to 10 PM, Birth & Beyond Room

Lismore : Tuesday 19th June 5:30 PM to 8 PM, Lismore Workers Club

Grafton:TBA

Thanks for standing up for our forests!