

Dear NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Environment Minister Matt Kean

I live at Lillian Rock In Kyogle Shire. My family have lived here on acreage for nearly 40 years . We have never seen such conditions: the fire danger is immense. We need to treat this as the emergency that it is. First, send the military to help. Second, declare a moratorium on logging native forests. Third suspend water mining licenses, at least until we get out of drought and can truly assess what resources are likely to exist going forward into future climate change crisis.

Yours sincerely,
scott sledge

From NSW Greens: Unprecedented fires have burned through more than 1.7 million hectares of forests in north-east NSW and counting. This has included 958,000 hectares of public lands including state forests and national parks, as well as 752,000 hectares of privately owned land.

Thousands of hectares of what has burnt was home to significant koala populations. It's also being reported that while these fires rage, logging operations in areas of state forests near the fires remain in operation.

Koalas that have survived these fires will be urgently searching for safety. It's incredible to think that while megafires are ravaging koala habitat, Forestry Corp can be allowed to continue logging as many trees as they possibly can.

Logging is known to increase the risk of bushfires, with logged forest much drier and log dumps providing reserves of fuel that can intensify fires. Habitat and biodiversity losses must be assessed and the role of public native forests must be evaluated. While this happens, I'm urging you to immediately halt all logging operations in native forests until the bushfire season ends. Forestry Corp workers can instead be paid to assist the RFS in fighting fires on the ground.

These fires are a huge wake up call for all of us. Business as usual simply can't continue while megafires decimate forests and homes.

It's not too late to save the koala, but without urgent action, it might well be very soon. Please halt logging now so that we can protect what's left.

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Megafires have decimated more than 2.7 million hectares of land and counting. Six people have lost their lives and nearly 700 homes have been destroyed. The frightening thing is, there's very little that you or I can do to stop these fires.

We've also heard extremely distressing reports this week that at least 2,000 koalas may have been killed by these fires. Any that survived will be fleeing their homes in search of safety but, alarmingly, many of the native forests that should provide essential shelter for our precious wildlife fleeing fires are being logged as we write this email.

This is where we can, and must, take action.

We need Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Environment Minister Matt Kean to immediately halt logging in our public native forests while koala habitat is burning. **Click here to let them know you want an immediate moratorium on logging.**

TAKE ACTION

This is a huge test for our government. If they don't take action now, they could be responsible for driving the koala, our precious, national icon to extinction.

It's shocking to think that while fires ravage native forests, including rainforests and old growth, Forestry Corp is logging as many trees as they possibly can. Forestry Corp workers could instead be paid to assist the RFS in fighting fires on the ground.

We're hearing reports of more and more logging trucks leaving forests on the mid north coast full of big old logs every day now. This is abominable during this bushfire emergency.

If you support an immediate halt to logging operations in native forests, please tell the Premier and Environment Minister now.

ADD YOUR NAME

Koalas, gliders, owls and other wildlife who live in these forests don't stand a chance unless we act now. These fires must be a wake up call for the government: business as usual just won't cut it while megafires decimate forests and homes.

Please don't let them get away with complacency. **Act now to make your voice heard.**

For our koalas,