Hi

I got the impression that "consultation was more of a sham process to say it was done, rather than any genuine concern about reform of IFOAs or concerns about renewal of RFAs in NSW."

And sure enough, the renewals/reforms recently announced for NSW seem to be skewed towards favour for an outdated forestry industry.

Out of touch with community desires to protect native flora and fauna.

The protection of the biosphere is more urgent than ever, so we hope that elections due early this year for NSW and C'wealth governments will open up new channels to reverse the destructive directions set by the logging industry and the bureaucracy which enables it.

I see no point in making any further comments until there is a more reasonable attitude towards protection of habitats and wildlife corridors.

Below are some concerns raised in submissions by the EDO. Mostly I hope for a change to more responsible monitoring and requirements for protecting valuable habitats.

- Strengthening objects for private native forestry in line with principles for ecologically sustainable forestry management;
- Increasing rigour and transparency in making PNF Codes of Practice;
- Ensuring that PNF Codes of Practice adopt stringent environmental standards and protect environmentally sensitive land and threatened species from the impacts of logging;
- Improving accountability and oversight in making PNF plans; and
- Mandating robust monitoring and compliance of forestry operations.

Sincerely,
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