

LETTER TO MR BARRY O'FARRELL, MP FROM DANE WIMBUSH 27.07.2011

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Dear Mr. O' Farrell,

I am writing with a great sense of urgency to plead with you to halt the logging taking place in the Bermagui State Forest north of Bermagui. I am a member of the Gulaga National Park Board of Management and have witnessed the distress of indigenous Traditional Owners seeing the destruction wreaked by logging in the forests they regard as part of their cultural heritage. A large majority of non-indigenous local citizens share their abhorrence of this hateful practice. It cannot be justified on any grounds, economic, ecological or aesthetic.

The present operation (Compartment 2001) is in magnificent Spotted Gum *Corymbia maculata* forest and logging is scheduled to begin shortly in Compartment 2069, a critical forest link between Gulaga & Biamanga National Parks. Koalas have been seen recently on both north & south sides of this compartment and logging here would severely interrupt any connectivity between the parks.

I live in hope that your Government can see beyond the indefensible erroneous stance taken by Forests NSW to a future where our native forests are regarded for what they are when undisturbed, a rich source of cultural heritage, a unique store of biodiversity, a vast sink of carbon & an essential controller of water supply and soil erosion.

Yours in hope,

Dane Wimbush.