



Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this first step in a long process. *Nature.Net* focuses on:

1. **Ecologically Sustainable Forest Management (ESFM)**

Our aim is for *NSW Forestry Corp.* to begin practising true *Ecologically Sustainable Forest Management (ESFM)*. International markets demand *Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) Certification* (markets perceive current PEFC Certification as less credible 'self-regulation' by Governments). Weeds and 'dieback' are spreading uncontrolled after logging. Restoration costs are not accounted. Canopy loss and Lantana were declared threatening processes by the NSW Scientific Committee. FSC is finalising a *2016 Australian FSC Standard* which will be our internationally credible 'yardstick'. Recent failure to achieve FSC Certification confirmed *NSW Forestry Corp.*'s failure to achieve ESFM.

2. **Wood Supply**

Forestry Corp. cannot claim ESFM since the NSW Auditor General's 2009 Performance Audit found they were logging faster than State Forests regrow! Size and quality of native forest logs is declining. Today *NSW Forestry Corp.* has incentives to sign unsustainable long-term wood supply agreements.

3. **Expand clear-felling - up steeper slopes?**

NSW has *no 'Social license'* to virtually clear-fell larger and steeper areas – '*justified*' to maintain existing wood volumes. This expansion of logging damages key High-Conservation-Value forests for low-value wood-chips. NSW promoted these *Great Eastern Ranges* areas as 'conservation reserves'.

4. **NSW Forest Carbon**

Australian and NSW Governments are responsible for ensuring accuracy of scientific information they provide on climate change. Paris and other developments address *Native Forest Carbon Accounting*. Corrections are required on www.forestrycorporation.com.au/management/carbon-and-forests. Latest peer-reviewed scientific and forest accounting methods refute assertions made by *Forestry Corp.*, to be addressed in submissions on the Coastal IFOA and RFA Review processes in 2016.

5. **Eco-System Services (ESS)**

The NSW Government has helped fund a 'national landscape' program known as the *Great Eastern Ranges Initiative*. GERI has a highly-credentialed *Science & Information Panel* developing a report on ESS. The 2016 Australian FSC Standard features ESS 'Indicators' for Carbon, Water, Tourism, etc.

6. **Regional NSW communities declare 'Our Forests, Our Future' !**

Jobs, Wildlife and Climate Action are three of the themes emerging in North Coast and Southern NSW regions. Nature-based tourism has become the major source of employment growth, increasing community pressure to stop industrial-scale logging for wood-chips, which provide little local benefit. **Koala** has become the iconic symbol of public campaigns with *NSW Koala Recovery Plans* imminent. North Coast residents propose a **Great Koala National Park** to protect 4,500 koalas in State Forests. Southern koalas are scarcer and very nearly extinct in some areas, *triggering a major new campaign*:

7. **Great Southern Koala Forest (GSKF)**

Koala habitat protection from wood-chipping for Eden is a major 'driver'. Job opportunities abound in many sectors. GSKF was outlined in March 2015 (as attached) and will be 'launched' in March 2016.