



'Kosci2Coast' Landscape Strategy

... Proposal to NPA(NSW) State Council

THAT NPA(NSW) develop a Kosci-to-Coast 'whole-of-landscape' Strategy, including private land, but starting with publicly-owned NSW State Forests plus National Parks & Wildlife reserves.

'Black Summer Fires': 80% of NSW State Forests within the Eden & Southern RFA Region have burned.

Approximately two thirds of National Parks & Reserves in these K2C areas burnt to a lesser degree include South Coast NPs in Shoalhaven, Eurobodalla & Bega-Valley Shires ... *from Jervis Bay to the Victorian border.*

Prof David Lindenmayer's*ANU data 18-Feb-20 proved logging increases risk(**Speaker@2021 NSW Fire Conference*).

NPA is showing leadership across NSW. President Anne Dixon asked (NatureNSW Autumn 2020) "What is lost? What is left? We need to advocate for protection of unburnt natural areas and refugia - "biodiversity arks". NSW Executive Officer Gary Dunnett added an excellent 4-page article entitled "The bits that didn't burn". Gary's contribution to NPA State Council 7-Mar-20 includes valuable additional reports [ref 2.1, 5.2a & 5.2].

World Wildlife Day (March 3rd): Paris 'Mother Earth' Climate Action commitments include **natural solutions. Saving Australia's natural native forests is real climate action. 100-year Carbon Credits can save wildlife.** Koala is Australia's iconic Threatened Species, but *many* other forest dependent animals are also at risk.

Mike Kelly's fine bipartisan words in Federal Parliament 4-Feb-20 bode well for Climate Action in Canberra. Labor's member for Eden-Monaro is respected throughout most of our K2C/Eden/Southern Forest region. State member **Andrew Constance** suffered personally but is leading community recovery from the fires. Andrew has alpine grazing heritage which he openly admits has left him opposed to all National Parks. Both Mike & Andrew supported our inaugural **Eden Vision event 27-Jan-19**. Both are invited again in 2021.

Bega Valley Mayor **Kristy McBain** has also shown terrific leadership on both Bushfires & Climate Action. So we will begin with a Bega Valley **Community Strategic Planning** event, before moving on to other LGAs.

BACKGROUND:

1. **NPA** staff & members continue complimentary direct focus on KNP Snowy 2, feral horses & other pests.
2. **K2C Inc.** partners at the Queanbeyan 2019 AGM amended their K2C Constitution to cover public lands.
3. **K2C** is the NSW Segment of **NPA's over-arching 'Alps-to-Coast' National Landscape Strategy** (includes Gippsland VIC). A2C began with 2008 'Australian Alps' National Parks Heritage listing (NSW, ACT, VIC).
4. **K2C** may join the **global EcoHealth Network**, after GER CEO Gary Howling attended a Hobart workshop.
5. **K2C provides an historic opportunity to start negotiating 100-year NSW State Forest Carbon Credits.**
6. **Victoria just spent \$140 million to subsidise pre-2030 logging**, whilst ignoring 100-year Carbon Credits. Labor leader 'Albo' says "logging is untouchable"! *Will Labor ensure Honest Forest Carbon Accounting?* Legal challenges to **VIC** Forests logging in RFA areas delegated EPBC TS responsibility may apply in NSW.
7. **NSW State Forests** are increasingly young even-aged stick-like thick *fire-prone* forests. SFs become NPs!
8. **'Smoke & Health'** as a hot topic may influence millions of 'Quiet City Voters' with no interest in forests.
9. **John Blay's** FarSouth book **'Wild Nature ... walking Australia's South East Forests'** (published Aug 2020).
10. **Far South Film Festival 'premiers'** at Merimbula 23-Aug-20 ... *featuring emerging regional film makers.*
11. **NPA Far South Coast** members support **Yuin management** of agreed '**cultural burns**' (both NPs & SFs).
12. **NPA** will also promote '**Close the Gap**' **Yuin jobs** in park management and tourism (*e.g. Bundian Way*).
13. **Smoke** still rising today from Nadgee NR, just as loggers move into North Coast unburnt forest habitat.

Heard of Great South Coast Walk? Next, I catch a bus to Mallacoota to start the beach trek back into NSW. Could Gary Dunnett please help me outline NPA's 'Kosci2Coast' Strategy at the next K2C Strategy Forum?