

# RE: ADDRESSING NATIVE FOREST BIOMASS IN CLIMATE CHANGE BILL 2022

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Senate Environment and Communications Committee

Via email: [ec.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:ec.sen@aph.gov.au)

Dear Committee,

**Re: Addressing native forest biomass in Climate Change Bill 2022**

The Nature Conservation Council of New South Wales (NCC) is the state's peak environment organisation. We represent over 160 environment groups across NSW. Together we are dedicated to protecting and conserving the wildlife, landscapes, and natural resources of NSW. Our member groups regularly engage in planning processes affecting their communities.

NCC supports the Climate Change Bill 2022. We would like to bring the Committee's attention to an important opportunity to strengthen the bill.

Burning native forests for energy is a risk to climate and biodiversity. Scientists now recognise this energy source is far from carbon neutral and in some circumstances is more polluting than burning coal. The Climate Change Bill presents an opportunity to address this, by reversing a change made by the Abbott government which perversely caused native forest bioenergy to be considered as renewable energy under the Renewable Energy Act.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to ensure the Renewable Energy Act excludes native forest bioenergy from eligibility for renewable energy certificates.

We welcome further contact on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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