

## USING CARBON CREDITS TO SAVE FORESTS

The Federal Government has adopted the [Improved Native Forest Method](#) (INFM) that allows governments to earn carbon credits for 15 years if they end logging of public native forests and protect them for 100 years. This is a game changer.

When in September 2025 the [NSW Government announced](#) its intent to make 176,000 ha of State Forests into the Great Koala National Park, it made adoption of a carbon credit method a precondition. They expect ACCUs to [generate at least \\$300 million over 15 years](#) for park management and environmental repair.

The INFM requires the NSW Government to honour their promise to create the Great Koala National Park and provides a major financial incentive for them to end logging of all public native forests, rather than extend Wood Supply Agreements that could lock in logging until 2038.

Rather than losing [\\$32 million in 2025](#) logging them, they can make [\\$100 million a year](#) from carbon credits by protecting them. The income could pay for transition packages for the loggers, park management and forest rehabilitation.

Many people have genuine concerns about how our carbon markets work, so do we. Professor Andrew Macintosh has [previously exposed](#) many of the rorts, so he has designed INFM to deliver high integrity credits which deliver 3 times as much carbon abatement for the 15 year crediting period as what is paid for.

[Professor David Lindenmayer](#) has endorsed the method, though [some conservation groups](#) are opposing it, see [Response to Criticisms of INFM](#).

We do need carbon offsets for unavoidable and hard to abate emissions. Protecting public native forests will deliver high integrity offsets, real carbon abatement and a multitude of environmental benefits. Protecting the Great Koala National Park would represent [less than one percent](#) of total ACCUs, and if all logging of public native forests is stopped this would generate only 5% of ACCUs. The [NSW Government's decision](#) to rule out selling ACCU's from the Great Koala National Park to coal and gas companies is a welcome assurance.

The National Party has lodged a disallowance motion for the INFM, to be decided on 15 September (originally 18 August) describing it as [a death knell for the native timber industry](#). The [timber industry](#), along with some conservation groups, have called on the Greens to support the disallowance.

We are concerned that a disallowance is likely to lead to the alternative scenarios of [Wood Supply Agreements](#) being extended to lock in logging until at least 2038, and the industry replacing INFM with their own method that allows them to claim carbon credits from modified logging.

An alliance of conservation groups have [written to the Federal Greens](#) asking them not to disallow the INFM.

Another 12 years of increasing logging intensity will be devastating for our forests, their inhabitants and us. Will the vote on September 15 be the death knell the loggers or our forests?

If you want to know more about the INFM method then listen to these presentations by Professors Andrew Macintosh and David Lindenmayer, as well as campaigner Susie Russell:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O\\_ED6CqpHWO](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O_ED6CqpHWO)