



FORESTRY POLICY



WHAT WE BELIEVE

NSW forestry is not a problem to be managed. It is an industry to be defended and celebrated. Proper forestry management is the backbone of strong fire management.

Our timber workers, sawmillers, harvest contractors, hauliers, cabinet makers and regional manufacturers build this state. They supply the hardwood and softwood we need for homes, schools, bridges, fencing, power poles, flooring, furniture and public infrastructure.

But forestry communities are being sacrificed to city politics, green lawfare and lazy government decisions.

The Great Koala National Park has already potentially locked up 176,000 hectares of state forest, with immediate closures, job losses and major hits to future hardwood supply. The government support package is too late and too weak for businesses hit by immediate contract losses.

We believe NSW should grow, harvest, process and build with its own timber. We should not shut down responsible local forestry and then import timber from countries with weaker standards.

Forestry is a sovereign capability. Forestry is housing supply. Forestry is regional jobs. Forestry is common sense. Forestry is community. It is the only genuine renewable resource.



OUR ACTION PLAN

- Legislate ironclad long-term timber supply guarantees so mills, contractors and manufacturers can invest and employ with confidence instead of living under constant threat from political sabotage.
- Rip politics out of forestry regulation by stripping the EPA of its ability to weaponise Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals and wood supply agreements against the timber industry.
- Stop the war on native forestry by opposing blanket forest lock-ups that destroy regional jobs, cripple timber supply and outsource Australian industry overseas.
- Overturn destructive Great Koala National Park restrictions that wipe out sustainable forestry jobs, shred existing timber agreements and devastate forestry communities.
- Fight any new National Park proposals that come at the expense of native forestry jobs and timber supply.
- Ban governments from locking up forests behind closed doors by requiring full public economic modelling on timber supply, housing costs and regional job losses before any forest closure can proceed.
- Force major forestry shutdown proposals to go through Parliament so no minister, activist agency or inner-city government can wipe out an industry with the stroke of a pen.
- Crush dangerous anti-forestry protest activity by expanding timber harvesting safety zones, increasing penalties and treating unlawful interference as the serious public safety threat it is.
- Expose the truth behind forest lock-ups by forcing governments to publicly



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release timber modelling, koala and greater glider, carbon credit interests, compensation figures and regional economic impacts.

- Lock in secure wood supply agreements for NSW mills so family-run businesses are not driven into collapse by political uncertainty and broken government promises.
- Establish a Regional Timber Security Fund to back sawmill upgrades, logging contractors, haulage operators, apprenticeships and local timber processing jobs.
- Put NSW timber first in government construction projects including schools, hospitals, public housing, bridges and major infrastructure.
- Ban taxpayer-funded projects from defaulting to imported timber while NSW forestry workers are being regulated out of existence.
- Fast-track hardwood and softwood plantation expansion with streamlined approvals, long-term leases and incentives for landholders willing to grow Australia's future timber supply.
- Recognise private native forestry as a legitimate primary industry and end the treatment of landholders like criminals for responsibly managing timber on their own property.
- Smash forestry red tape by scrapping duplicated approvals, cutting pointless bureaucracy and restoring practical decision-making in regional NSW.
- Put foresters back in charge of forests by removing activist influence from government agencies and restoring science-based forest management.
- Massively expand active forest management programs including thinning,



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hazard reduction, fire trail maintenance, weed control and pest management to reduce bushfire risk and improve forest health.

- Rebuild the forest road network so timber can move safely and efficiently from forest to mill without regional freight routes falling apart.
- Return forestry revenue to forestry communities instead of siphoning it into Sydney bureaucracies, with funding directed into roads, emergency services and local infrastructure.
- Rebuild the forestry workforce pipeline through expanded apprenticeships, TAFE training and direct support for harvesting, haulage, sawmilling and timber manufacturing trades.
- Grow value-added timber manufacturing in regional NSW so more timber is processed locally into flooring, frames, furniture and engineered wood products instead of exporting raw logs and importing finished goods.
- Expose and challenge the carbon credit industry driving forest lock-ups and stop forestry communities being sacrificed for speculative carbon schemes.
- Put timber at the centre of NSW housing affordability by recognising Australian timber as an essential, renewable building material that supports sovereign capability and regional jobs.
- Stand shoulder to shoulder with forestry families and defend their jobs, their communities and their future against anti forestry political attacks