

Glenbog

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Glenbog State Forest is one of the few high elevation 'cloud forests' in southern NSW. These are places at the top of mountain ranges and escarpments where geography generates its own weather, providing rain and fog untied to regional weather patterns or climate change. It is therefore a critical 'refugia' for biodiversity. These refugia provide consistently cool, damp and stable environments, helping declining and at-risk species to weather drought, heat waves and a changing climate.

In particular danger are Australia's large 'glider' species - the greater glider and the yellow-bellied glider. Both are in decline, following decades of logging which is historically concentrated in the forests that form their core habitat. Glenbog may be the only place remaining in southern NSW which provides a stronghold in which these two species cohabit in high densities with stable populations. It is not an overstatement to say that logging Glenbog would be a catastrophe for the conservation of large gliders in NSW.

The logging scheduled by Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW), in compartments 2312A to 2315A, is in the heart of the populations of these two species. This area is also habitat to other threatened and at-risk species, and contains striking densities of wombats. Citizen science efforts over the last year have recorded within the proposed logging operation:

- 102 greater glider den trees;
- 1 yellow-bellied glider den tree;
- multiple sightings, calls and feed trees of the elusive yellow-bellied glider;
- 6 large stick nests over 50cm in diameter in living or dead trees;
- 666 wombat burrows;
- more than a dozen flame robin sightings, including parents feeding fledglings;
- multiple recordings of gang-gang cockatoos, including a breeding pair inspecting a tree hollow;
- high densities of lyrebirds, including 4 lyrebird nests.

Many of these records create formal exclusion zones under the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (CIFOA), or informal ones under voluntary protocols to protect wombat burrows.

In total, 775 such records have been found by citizen scientists to date within the scheduled logging compartments, creating 775 formal and informal exclusion zones.

We urge FCNSW to consider these extraordinary statistics. Glenbog is a biodiversity stronghold that should never be logged.

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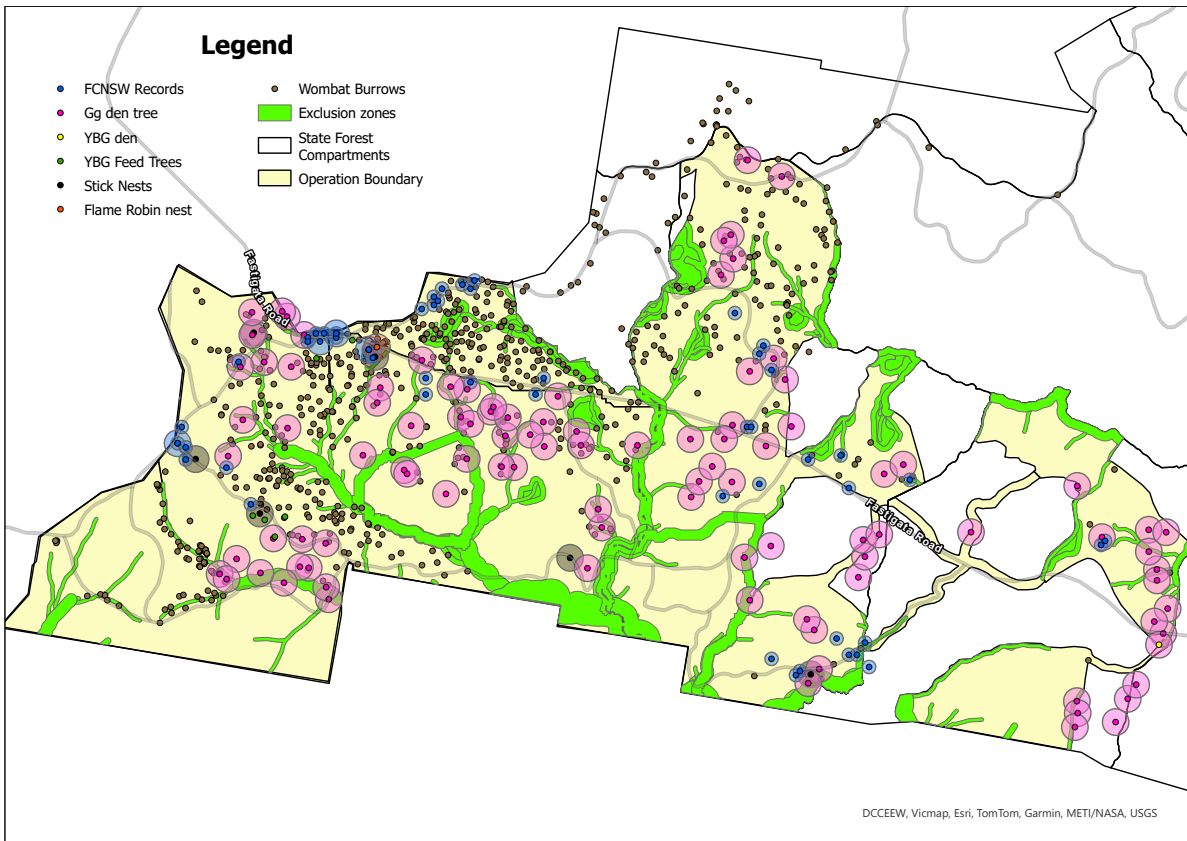
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A yellow-bellied glider, listed as a threatened species under NSW law, sits across the road from the den tree recorded by citizen science work.





Map of citizen science records in the proposed logging area.



A wombat in its burrow in the proposed logging area.

Greater glider den trees

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Stick nests over 50cm dbh in trees

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Flame robins feeding fledglings (likely nest site)

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Yellow-bellied glider feed trees

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Yellow-bellied glider den tree

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1	12/19/24 19:30	██████████	██████████



Greater glider exiting a den tree hollow at record 48. Credit: Heidi Lincoln.

Wombats

Wombats are buried alive during logging operations, often leading to slow and painful deaths.

Searches lead by Jarake Wildlife Sanctuary have recorded 666 burrows, which by agreement with FCNSW will be protected from machinery and tree felling in northern Glenbog.

Those 666 records have been submitted to FCNSW by Jarake Wildlife Sanctuary separately.



A wombat in the proposed logging area sits at its burrow entrance. Credit: David Gallan.



Male and female gang-gang cockatoos within the proposed logging area. Credit: Heidi Lincoln.

Birds

BioNet lists 79 bird species in Glenbog state forest, ten of which are threatened species.

Lead by Birdlife Southern NSW, citizen scientists have been searching for birds within the area proposed for logging. So far, a large number of apparent breeding pairs of flame robins have been found. Their nests receive an exclusion zone under the CIFOA, and although it is the wrong season to find them, we know they are there. There have also been several sightings of the nationally endangered gang-gang cockatoo, along with calls heard of both powerful owls and sooty owls - listed as threatened species in NSW.



A flame robin within the proposed logging area. Credit: Heidi Lincoln.



Greater glider at record 49. Credit: Heidi Lincoln.