

Forests For All: think big and see the benefits grow!

NPA's vision for public native forests

Our forests provide safe, well-connected habitats for native wildlife, the benefits forests provide to the people of NSW are maximised, and forests help NSW become a world leader in nature-based tourism, recreation and outdoor education.

Our mission

- Reservation of all public native forests under protected area categories
- Completion of a Comprehensive, Adequate, Representative and resilient reserve network
- Reversal of declines of forest wildlife
- Better public access to forests for recreation and learning opportunities

We will achieve our mission by:

Advocating for

- An end to industrialised logging in public native forests in NSW following the expiry of the Regional Forest Agreements
- National Parks to remain free of inappropriate development that risks the natural values
- Sound planning of recreation and tourism to protect natural values of forests and ensure visitor satisfaction
- Adequate resourcing of the National Parks and Wildlife Service to manage public forests
- Greater consideration of habitat connectivity both north-south and east-west
- Greater protection from the federal government for our forest species and forest ecosystems
- World Heritage recognition for outstanding forest ecosystems
- Inclusion of non-timber values (water, carbon and tourism) into decision making on forest management
- An end to land clearing and forest destruction in NSW
- The restoration of degraded forest ecosystems
- Eligibility of biomass from native forests to be removed from the Renewable Energy Target
- A change in government and opposition policy relative to public native forests

Building

- A diverse alliance of groups and individuals to advocate for a change of use of public native forests

Educating

- The public about the impacts of logging and the potential benefits of ending logging
- Government and opposition as to the impacts of logging and pathways to change
- Community groups about what they can do to drive change

Exposing

- Misinformation on jobs figures and the impacts of native forest logging on ecology and climate

Supporting

- Community groups and individuals working to promote the conservation and ecologically sustainable use of public native forests and the protection of national parks

NPA believes that:

- Aboriginal people are the traditional custodians of the forests of NSW
- Aboriginal people have a role in managing forests and must derive economic, social and cultural benefit from future uses of forests, subject to their right to self-determination
- The principle of intergenerational equity must be incorporated into decision making on forest management
- Citizens have a right to clean air, clean water and a benevolent climate and these rights must be protected
- Citizens should not bear the negative costs of the activities of large corporations
- Deforestation and forest degradation are driving climate change and forest protection is part of the solution to tackling climate change
- Australia is globally significant for its biodiversity and forests are a key element in this biodiversity