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Reference: **Comment on RFAs Review**

I am writing to object to the Regional Forest Agreements and request that logging be stopped in all NSW Forests or at the very least halted until an adequate review with assessments and studies carried out that would be required by all other landowners when clearing their land and under the EPBC Act.

I fully support all suggestions that the forests in my own locality (Tomerong, Currumbene, Nowra) be included in the Jervis Bay National Park system. I also support the northern area of Yerriyong State Forest's addition to the Jerrawangala National Park but also wish it noted that the issues I raise relate to all forests within our state (NSW) and indeed our country of Australia.

I have attached a copy of the Great Southern Forest Proposal, with my own submission, that I believe relates to all forests. This is a sensible approach to native forest management that is formulated by accredited researchers and takes into account all that is or should be valued and managed: to preserve those values and address the issue and impacts that logging brings. Some of these values include: wildlife protection, climate mitigation and carbon sequestration, clean water, soil, heritage and habitat etc. I fully support this Great Southern Forest Proposal.

My issues with continuing the Regional Forest Agreements are:

- (1) The impacts on the natural environment created by logging including:
  - (i) Loss of habitat that means:
  - (ii) Loss of native wildlife, including Threatened Species
  - (iii) Loss of important flora species, including Threatened Species.
  - (iv) Logging forests goes against all we know about our changing climate and the importance of maintaining forests.
  - (v) The release of carbon into the atmosphere.  
and

In conclusion unlogged, restored and maintained forests means a healthier planet.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

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