



# Australian Native Forests Charter

Now is the time for us to protect the native forests of Australia.

For too long our native forests have been degraded and destroyed through unsustainable logging by an industry that is now in crisis, despite hundreds of millions of dollars of public subsidies.

Now, particularly in the face of climate change, it has never been more urgent to protect the unique biodiversity, water supplies, and carbon storage of our native forests, as well as their natural wonder.

An environmentally unsustainable industry is an economically unsustainable industry.

We can now end the decades-long conflict over our forests by protecting jobs through a more sustainable plantation based industry and creating new jobs through the care of our protected forests.

This approach will have genuine community support, and for industry, the real resource security that comes from this.

**To achieve this, we are committed to the following principles:**

- **A swift transition of industrial scale logging out of our native forests to our plantations; and**
- **Establishing protected areas for our high conservation value native forests.**

These *must* be accompanied by:

- Ecologically sustainable and socially acceptable management for the plantation sector;
- Support for owners of private native forest to protect and manage their forests for nature conservation and high-value wood and non-timber products;
- Recognition of the rights and interests of the traditional owners in future native forest management;
- A ban on burning native forests for power; and
- Restoration of degraded native forests.

**This is needed for the wellbeing of current and future generations of Australians.**

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