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Hon James Griffin MP NSW
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Dear Mr Griffin,

It was very disappointing to see that the NSW government did not support the Koala Protection Bill given that you have committed to double the Koala population.

I am very concerned by the proposed industrial logging of **Oakes State Forest in the Kalang River headwaters.**

The headwater forests remain unburnt from the 2019/20 black summer bushfires. These forests are now critical refuges for rare and threatened species, including koalas, spotted-tail quolls, Glossy black cockatoos, long-nosed potoroos, Greater gliders, Yellow-bellied gliders and the Giant barred frog.

Forestry Corp. NSW has recently been found guilty of destroying Koala habitat in Wild Cattle Creek and fined \$285,000. This does not reflect well on an organisation that is currently under certification review while proposing to log native forest in a high slip area.

These forests are known and predicted habitat for the Internationally listed, endangered Rufous Scrub-bird, one of the oldest songbirds in the world. The United Nations have requested that Australia develop greater protection measures for this endemic species.

The soils are highly erodible, with massive landslips occurring both in the recent flooding events and in previous disturbance of the Bellinger headwaters. Any disturbance of the headwaters WILL result in chronic and irreversible water pollution of the Kalang River and its tributaries.

Research has shown that harvesting native forest is unsustainable and un-economic. The Forestry industry is subsidised by tax payer's money to keep it afloat. This does not make economic, environmental or social sense.

The forests are being harvested prematurely and will produce predominantly small and super small logs with excessive long uphill snigs and at the limit of log haul distance to mills is uneconomic.

As an advocate for the environment and climate change policies what consultation will you be holding with Gumbaynggirr, First Nations People and Kalang River Forest Alliance to protect this sensitive environment. Looking forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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