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**Hon. Melinda Pavey MP NSW
37 Elbow St
West Kempsey**

Dear Ms Pavey,

I am writing as a concerned citizen of your Oxley electorate regarding 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 with confirmed endangered species including Rufous scrub bird and the above mentioned 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 Minister for Community and Family I request that appropriate stakeholder consultation is held with the Gumbaynggirr, First Nations People and Kalang River Forest Alliance before irreversible damage is done to this highly sensitive environment.

"Lets get it done together" for "our children's future" (M.Pavey). Looking forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Full name:

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Date & Optional comment: