

Submission - Private Native Forestry (PNF) Review 30 January 2019

- Minister for the Environment should responsible for PNF,
- Require the PNF objects to protect biodiversity and water quality and soil quality,
- Exclude PNF from all environmentally sensitive land (for example all threatened ecological communities, and category 2-sensitive and category 2-vulnerable land,
- Require draft PNF Codes to be informed by a peer review by eminent ecologists to ensure biodiversity, water quality, threatened species, soil and carbon stores are protected, and make the peer review publicly available,
- Require public consultation on draft PNF plans prior to approval,
- Require all approved PNF plans to be contained in a public register,
- Formalise a process for monitoring PNF operations, including an assessment of the cumulative impacts of PNF on environmental assets over time,
- Formalise reporting processes in legislation and require reports to be made public,
- PNF codes must provide clear, robust standards based on the best-available science, and protect all environmentally sensitive land from logging,
- Ensure ecological prescriptions are comprehensive and include all relevant threatened species.,
- Require site threatened species and habit surveys to be carried out by a competent ecologist before logging operations can occur,
- PNF codes should address and provide adequate protections for koala habitat, rainforest and old growth forest
- Existing protected old growth areas should be protected as mapped, not amended using a watered-down definition of old growth or rainforest. If there are hollows present it is old growth.
- Address the spread of bell minor associated dieback by preventing canopy removal in susceptible areas.
- Recognise the contribution of native forests to sustainable global carbon cycles,
- Consider the impact on bushfire fuel hazard as a result in the increase of overall fuel hazard and refer large plans to the relevant Bushfire Management Committee for approval.

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