

Mr Andrew Constance MP
Minister for Transport and Infrastructure
Member for Bega

cc: ESC Councillors, ALP and Green MPs

Dear Andrew,

I am writing to advise you I will be attending the Funeral for the Forests tomorrow in Bega on behalf of Friends of the Forest (Mogo).

Also attached is a media release from Friends of the Forest (Mogo) on a presentation I gave to Eurobodalla Shire Council this week, as Corunna asked Council to support their request for a 50m exclusion zone either side of the Princes Highway.

Only Pat McGinlay and Rob Pollock supported Anthony Mayne's motion for Council to support the community's request to Forestry for a 50m exclusion zone rather than a visual protection zone that is discretionary. Prior to defeating Mayne's motion, the Council busied themselves thanking Forestry for last week's briefing rather than assisting the community they are meant to represent.

This media release explains why a 50 m exclusion zone either side of the Princes Highway is essential as a visual protection zone is discretionary and will be logged. The VPZ was heavily logged at Mogo was heavily logged. As Corunna Forest people have seen the logging in the VPZ at Mogo you can see why they don't trust Forestry. Forestry needs to be transparent and accountable and zone all areas of significance as exclusion zones.

We have taken both Leanne Atkinson and Fiona Phillips as well as the NSW Campaign Manager of the Wilderness Society to Mogo to see the issues the community has with the way Forestry do the logging. We also would like to take you or your staff a confidential tour to show the mechanics of logging so you can see the communities concerns for yourself. With the election coming up and so much community concern about this, it would pay to actually see why they are upset as they have very valid concerns. It would be a shame to continue to fully support every move Forestry make when they are so wilfully letting the community and their own industry down. We formed our group to insist on compliance on Forestry. We ask you to ensure that at the minimum at least this is achieved rather than allow Forestry to continue to "log and the community be dammed". You are after all, the community's elected representative not a native forest logging industry spokesperson.

I also request an appointment with you or your staff to brief you on how Forestry is overstepping its remit. You have already met one of our team Graeme at a Tomakin history function.

With thanks,

Joslyn van der Moolen
Community Liaison, Friends of the Forest (Mogo) is on [Facebook](#)