

OUTRAGE OVER NEW KOALA LOGGING

Conservationists are outraged that logging has resumed in Mumbulla State Forest habitat this morning.

Loggers have moved along the road to forest just a short distance from where they left yesterday, bringing them closer to recent, verified koala traces and to the exact spot where koala footprints were found on the road just 3 weeks ago.

Spokesperson for the conservationists, Ms Harriett Swift said that Forests NSW are making no provision at all for the new evidence of koalas in the forest apparently on the technicality that the road is not part of the logging compartment.

Forests NSW has demonstrated bad faith with the community by having the loggers move their deadly machines out yesterday but move back in today with a different set of machines.

“We are speechless that the State Government could defy public opinion and common decency so flagrantly for a few truckloads of woodchips.”

“No amount of woodchips can compensate for the loss of the koalas and unless Premier Keneally steps in immediately to stop this logging she may have the regional extinction of the species on her conscience.”

“We are calling on the State government to call an immediate halt to this logging out of respect to the Aboriginal owners and for the sake of the future of Australia’s iconic koala,” she said.

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