



Why are we wood-chipping our State Forests?

# Forest Forum PROGRAM

**Batemans Bay Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

*Start with problems ... end with solutions!*

10am **Soldiers Club Doors OPEN to Registration ... plus history, photo & art exhibition**

10.30 **Welcome to Australia's Forest Heritage**

*Gondwana to Gum Trees ... millions of years - Aboriginal management ... thousands of years - Last 200 Years!*

10.45 **New Federal Govt. outlook & State Forests** **Professor Ian Lowe** (Australian Conservation Foundation)


11.15 **Fire & Natural Forest Carbon** Panel facilitated by **Margaret Blakers** (The Green Institute)  
**Dr. John Kaye MLC, Virginia Young** (Wilderness Society), **Philippa Rowland** (Clean Energy for Eternity)

➤ Carbon Sinks ➤ Real measures of 'Degradation' & 'Carbon Credits' 2010-2020 ➤ Biomass Burners?

12pm **Biodiversity and our Great Eastern Ranges** **Ian Pulsford** (Landscapes & Ecosystems Conservation, DECCW)

➤ Home to **Koala**, Quoll, Possums, Bird & Plant '*Icons*' as well as most of Australia's other Endangered Species  
➤ **Carbon & Water** catchment protection for Australia's Major Cities, Coastal Regions & Murray-Darling Basin  
➤ See peer-reviewed science in Mackey Report [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/nature/ccandger.pdf](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/nature/ccandger.pdf)

12.30  **LUNCH BREAK** Tasty Club options; or cross at lights, via seaside walkway to fast-food eateries in town

2pm  **Ecopella Choir** Welcome the wonderful environmental choir that sings about beauty of our forests

2.30 **Forest Stewardship Council in Australia** **Pina Gervassi** (FSC Australia)

➤ Defining 'High Conservation Value', 'Sustainable Yield' & 'Social License' in Native Forests under RFAs?

2.50 **Jobs & Tourism in our Forest Regions** **Bruce Leaver** (Wilderness Coast Tourism)

3.10 **Legal matters in our State Forests** **Vanessa Bleyer** (Lawyers for Forests)

➤ RFAs versus Environmental Protection  
➤ State Forest matters in **TAS, VIC & NSW** **Kirsty Ruddock & Natasha Hammond-Deakin** (Environmental Defenders Office)

3.40 **Ending the Forest Wars! (Dollars & Sense)** **Dr. Judith Ajani** (Australian National University)

4pm  **Coffee Break**

4.30 **'VISION' of Australia's State, Regional and Local communities in 'Connected Conservation Landscapes'**

**Biodiversity & Climate Action (2010-2020)** **John Hibberd** (Director, Conservation Council of ACT)

**State Forest Policy** **Pepe Clarke** (Director, Nature Conservation Council of NSW)


➤ Jobs & Exit Strategies - to end logging under discredited 10-Year-Old Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs)  
➤ Private Native Forest (PNF): Voluntary Conservation Agreement (VCA) or Logging via Property Vegetation Plan (PNF/PVP)?


**Regional Conservation & Local Environment Plans** **Catherine Moore** (Local Government Councillor)

➤ Eden & Southern RFAs, South Coast Region Conservation Plan - for *Shoalhaven, Eurobodalla & Bega Shires*  
Case Study: **'Mountains-to-the-Sea'** **Prue Acton** (South East Region Conservation Alliance)  
- Supporting *Gulaga-Bermagui-Biamanga Management Plan* being drafted by Aboriginal Traditional Owners of National Parks

**Q & A Session** Panel includes **Gemma Tillack** (Greenpeace), **Graham Tupper** (ACF), **Susie Russell** (NE Forest Alliance)

5.45 **Forest Forum 'Wrap-Up'** **Bishop George Browning** (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change)

6.00  **Informal Drinks & Discussion**  
Refresh yourself at the bar. Join in discussion on action, art, history & fund-raising to save our State Forests

7.00  **'Round Table' DINNER** (Optional) \$40 per head booked on Coastwatchers' Dinner Invitation Form

**10am Sunday** Walk or NCC Forest Policy Workshop with EDO & SERCA. **Picnic Lunch** @ Eurobodalla Botanic Gardens

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