

5 September 2009

Dr Mike Kelly
Member for Eden-Monaro
Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support
Parliamentary Secretary for Water
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Dr Kelly,

Forests NSW is soon to resume logging in the Bermagui, Mumbulla, Murrah and Gulaga logging compartments. Attached is a map showing the areas in which they logged (orange) in late 2008 and early 2009 at Bermagui.

According to Forests NSW, Compartments (C.) 2001, 2002 and 2003 (pink) are imminently scheduled for logging. I would like to ask you please to intervene for the following reasons.

1. The only road which takes tourist and residents into Bermagui from the west and north, runs through the pink and orange areas.
2. Motorists who drive into Bermagui from the north on Wallaga Lake Road, are greeted with a forest of beautiful spotted gums and other species (C. 2001). Tourists driving through stands of dead tree stumps in the ground would be very unwelcoming.
3. A recreational bike path lies within C. 2001.
4. C. 2001 adjoins farmland and a threatened wetland area, Long Swamp.
5. The southernmost tip of C. 2001 borders on residential areas.
6. Cs. 2001 and 2002 border Black Lagoon and Narira Creek which runs into Meads Bay.
7. Cs. 2001 and 2002 contain a public picnic area.
8. All three compartments contain habitats for local species.

The natural beauty of this forested corridor into Bermagui township will suffer through logging activities. As you will know, Bermagui is no longer just a little fishing village, it is a busy tourist destination and home for an increasing number of residents. We need to preserve the beauty of the forests that surround it. I do not think that Forests NSW should be permitted to allow the destruction of what is left of the natural beauty of the forested areas of north Bermagui.

I am appealing to you to please consider intervening and stop the logging.

Yours sincerely

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