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Conservationists and community activists have this morning captured \$3 million dollars worth of heavy logging machinery involved in the destruction of critical koala habitat at Mumbulla Mountain near Bega. Three protesters have chained and locked themselves to the equipment and now face arrest.

At least 3 police vehicles are on the scene and more are on the way. The protesters are led by Bega Councillor Keith Hughes who has immobilized the giant tree feller bought in by State Forests to accelerate the woodchip logging.

This is a determined effort by the community said Councillor Hughes. This is the 49th day of our protest at this barbarous operation and we are not going away.

The protesters have issued a joint declaration that the woodchip operations are illegal and in breach of numerous regulations that State Forests and its contractors are required to meet.

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