

## **MEDIA RELEASE: Lee Rhiannon 03.06**

Greens MP and spokesperson for South East NSW Lee Rhiannon says the NSW government is complicit in an act of environmental vandalism by allowing logging to start this morning in the Mumbulla Forest, threatening the last known koala population on the far South Coast of NSW.

"This government's environmental credentials have been clear felled by allowing Forests NSW to begin logging in the Mumbulla Forest," Ms Rhiannon said.

"The failure of Kristina Keneally to intervene again proves that in Labor's eyes the environment is a poor cousin of the logging industry.

"I congratulate local environmentalists who have established a vigil at the site.

"They would be supported in their fight by the knowledge that there are many other people living in NSW who find this action abhorrent.

"For too long now the NSW government has refused to end the logging of South East native forests.

"Stopping chipping will not only save endangered animal communities like the koalas now at the mercy of chainsaws.

"It will also stop the millions in taxpayers' dollars which flow to subsidising the industry.

"Premier Keneally must intervene to stop the chainsaws. This will help safeguard this precious population of koalas and other endangered species like the long-nosed potoroo," Ms Rhiannon said.

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