

NSW 2019: Political Party Policies Positive for Forests (alphabetic list)

Number each candidate yourself to ensure your preferences go where you want them to

ANIMAL JUSTICE PARTY – From AJA website under Wildlife & Sustainability and 2018 communications
To transition to 100 percent plantation forestry and ensure that costs of fencing out wildlife are factored into the cost of timber production. Current licensing practices that allow the wholesale destruction of wildlife must cease. AJA is opposed to burning native forests for electricity. We are aware their policy supports the AFCA Position Statement against NF bioenergy

GREENS - email response to AFCA NSW Greens 15/3/2019

32. *Introduce legislation to ban all industrial activities which will impact native State forests and other high-conservation-value forests. These industries include, but are not restricted to: mining, gas extraction, quarries, biomass burning for electricity generation, firewood and pumped hydro. Greens Policy opposition to burning native wood for electricity is found here: <https://greens.org.au/nsw/policies/forests>*

They have endorsed AFCA Position Statement against NF bioenergy

SOCIALIST ALLIANCE – from website and discussions with policy advisors Nov 2018

End logging in old growth forests. End clearfelling in all other native forests.

Ban the export of woodchips from native forests.

For a publicly owned timber industry based on sustainable plantations with access to specialty timbers ensured for crafts people (subject to ecological considerations).

Replant forests in dry-land and other salt-affected regions.

We are aware their policy supports the AFCA Position Statement against NF bioenergy

SUSTAINABLE AUSTRALIA – from website and discussion with policy advisors

Be careful with preferences as SA's how to vote card shows they place Small Business Party 3rd, and might be Liberal affiliated. Best to number each candidate yourself.

SA has advised AFCA it supports AFCA Position Statement against NF bioenergy

Minimise the scale and improve the practices of native forest logging. This should include:

Avoiding the habitats of threatened, vulnerable and endangered native species

Increasing the forest reserve system Restoring failed plantations back to native forest

Maximising the economic value-add for timber products Supporting a diverse range of plantation products End old growth forest logging.(1)

Not accredit Australian native forests or its waste to be burnt for biomass power as a 'renewable energy' source under the Renewable Energy Target or related schemes.

Subject all state Regional Forest Agreements to the jurisdiction of the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (Commonwealth) to ensure all forestry is subject to the usual environmental and planning approval requirements.

INDEPENDENTS

JEREMY BUCKINGHAM - former Greens MP has advised AFCA he believes the "The next NSW government should gazette the Great Koala National Park and end native vegetation land clearing and native forest logging."

ALEX GREENWICH - advises AFCA he "absolutely opposeS the use of native forestry biomass for energy, considers this environmentally destructive practice has been introduced to provide additional support to the unsustainable state forestry industry, already subsidised by government and putting biodiversity at serious risk through habitat destruction."

Political Party Policies that might be positive for forests

LABOR - Labor will reinstate the prohibition on burning native forests/vegetation for electricity (15/3/2019) and recommitted to a Great Koala National Park in northern NSW. **NSW Labor were asked by NPA NSW if they would end native forest logging in public forests within 3 years and answered 'NO'**. Generally regarded as better than the COALition in some districts a Labor vote would be strategic to oust Nationals but NSW state Labor doesn't oppose native forest logging and that Labor policy has been, consistently to renew RFAs that legitimise native forest logging for at least another 20 years.

Bad Forest Climate Policies

We have reproduced info that could be relevant re preferences

COALITION FOREST POLICY IS VERY BAD FOR FORESTS

That is both the National Party and the Liberals with the Nationals probably the worst, though they agree on their forest policy of ongoing industrial logging of native forests and allowing them to be exported to fuel furnaces that will further damage climate.

NATIONAL PARTY - The recent statement below sums up National Party on Forests Federally and in NSW. Not only do they insist that native forest logging must continue, they want it to extend into national parks and anywhere else they can get their hands on the wood, especially with ongoing government subsidy. They want to continue logging to grow the forest bioenergy industry domestically and via exports and will target any forested lands to do this, including forest in conservation reserves. Extremely dangerous for forests and climate. 'The Liberal National Government will hold the line on native forestry.' Colbeck reassures forestry at ABARES conference 7 March 2019 that native forest logging will not be allowed to end. Key message delivered to delegates at the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resources Economics and Sciences (ABARES) annual Outlook conference in Canberra. Source: Timberbiz

LIBERAL - The Liberal Party agree with the National Party on continuing to log Australian native forests and to call burning them a renewable energy. They will also renew all Regional Forest Agreements that legitimise native forest logging. **To be avoided at all costs.**

ADVANCE AUSTRALIA PARTY – will advance Liberal Policies (as above)

AUSTRALIAN CONSERVATIVES – will advance COALition policies (as above)

CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (Fred Nile Group) – support COALition Forest Policy (as above)

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

* David Leyonhjelm is quitting his role as a federal senator in a bid to enter the NSW upper house. **He has previously endorsed policies that align with the worst of COALition forest policy*** The Liberal Democrats are also expected to run more than a dozen candidates in lower house seats.

PAULINE HANSON'S ONE NATION – support COALition Forest Policy

SHOOTERS, FISHERS AND FARMERS PARTY – support COALition Forest Policy

* The Nationals' biggest regional rival is eyeing several lower house seats, including Barwon and Murray, having already claimed Orange in a 2016 by-election.

* The party holds two seats in the upper house including one for leader Robert Borsak.

SMALL BUSINESS PARTY – support Liberal Policy in general

UNKNOWN

We do not know the forest policies of the parties below nor if they have one

FLUX

VOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA PARTY – have expressed an interest in AFCA material

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