

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."