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To: NSW Productivity Feedback

Subject: We need the Independent Planning Commission for objective and balanced planning decisions

Date: Friday, 15 November 2019 7:51:01 AM

Dear Productivity Commissioner,

I write to convey my support for the NSW Independent Planning Commission continuing to be the body to assesses major projects in NSW.

It is vital that all projects that are likely to have a significant impact on our natural environment are assessed by an independent body. As well as the threat to diversity and the potential damage to our already significantly reduced areas of natural vegetation — which the NSW government seems determined to reduce even further by allowing logging in hitherto protected areas of old growth forest — there is also the vital issue of activities which are contributing to climate change, the effects of which we are still witnessing throughout NSW as the fires continue to burn.

Such important issues cannot safely be left in the hands of politicians. For the sake of our forests, and all the species of flora and fauna that rely on these ecosystems for their survival, It is essential that an independent body be charged with the responsibility for objectively determining them, and to this end the continuation of the Independent Planning Commission is vital.

Yours sincerely,