

## NSW GREENS MLC Cate Faehrmann's pledge on NSW Land Clearing and Biodiversity legislation.

Nature is in crisis in NSW. Under the Liberals and Nationals, land clearing and deforestation is out of control, our National Parks Service is underfunded and native forest logging continues unabated. Over 1000 native plant and animal species are facing extinction, including the iconic koala. Climate change is starting to bite, with devastating consequences for wildlife and ecosystems.

To begin the process of restoring our native forests and biodiversity the Greens are calling for new laws to conserve and enhance biodiversity and end excessive land clearing. We are campaigning for an end to native forest logging and a rapid expansion of our National Parks Estate, including the creation of the Great Koala National Park on the mid north coast.

The Greens support an historic increase to the National Parks Service budget of at least \$150 million by 2022 and the creation of a \$1.5 billion land and biodiversity fund to support farmers and land managers to revegetate cleared areas and polluted rivers.

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