



# **SOUTH EAST FOREST RESCUE**

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Licence Compliance Unit  
Department of Fisheries NSW

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## **Re: Forestry Operations in Yerriyong State Forest compartment 1153 and 1156**

To whom it must concern:

We understand our complaint to OEH has been also referred to your department for determination on the concern of detrimental impacts on the aquatic environment due to Regional Forest Agreement Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals forestry operation being conducted by Forests NSW in compartment 1153 of Yerriyong State Forest.

We dispute the Forests NSW assertion in their harvesting plan that:

There are no known records of threatened fish species or class 1 or 2 aquatic habitat relevant to this operation. The conditions of the fisheries licence are not triggered for this operation.

Both NSW Fisheries and National Parks and Wildlife Service have identified the Wandandian Creek catchment as having environmental value and high conservation value. Wandandian Creek flows from Yerriyong State Forest and discharges on the coast at St Georges Basin, just south of Jervis Bay. The creek flows through the small township of Bewong and discharges near the township of Sussex Inlet. The Wandandian Creek catchment has a medium overall stress classification. The main tributary that flows into Wandandian Creek is Gnatilia Creek.

As the map following clearly indicates, this area is part of the key fish habitat of the Shoalhaven region. We have already noted that since the operation began in there has been increased sediment carpeting of the immediate downstream areas of the two crossings being used by log truck haulage movements along Hawthorn Road.



We refer your department to the NSW DPI *Reducing the Impact of Road Crossings on Aquatic Habitat in Coastal Waterways – Southern Rivers NSW*, Report to the NSW Environmental Trust, 2005.

Therefore in our view the claim that the Fisheries licence has not been triggered is erroneous. We request your department call an immediate halt to the logging of this compartment.

Kind Regards,

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<sup>1</sup> Prepared by GIS section, Fisheries Ecosystems Branch, Division of Agriculture & Fisheries, NSW DPI; Source: data from the Australian Geoscience, NSW DPI, NSWDECC and NSW LPI Datum: Geocentric Datum of Australia (GDA) Grid: Mapping Grid of Australia (MGA94)