

Glenbog

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Glenbog State Forest is one of the few high elevation 'cloud forests' in southern NSW. These are places at the top of mountain ranges and escarpments where geography generates its own weather, providing rain and fog untied to regional weather patterns or climate change. It is therefore a critical 'refugia' for biodiversity. These refugia provide consistently cool, damp and stable environments, helping declining and at-risk species to weather drought, heat waves and a changing climate.

In particular danger are Australia's large 'glider' species - the greater glider and the yellow-bellied glider. Both are in decline, following decades of logging which is historically concentrated in the forests that form their core habitat. Glenbog may be the only place remaining in southern NSW which provides a stronghold in which these two species cohabit in high densities with stable populations. It is not an overstatement to say that logging Glenbog would be a catastrophe for the conservation of large gliders in NSW.

The logging scheduled by Forestry Corporation of NSW (FCNSW), in compartments 2312A to 2315A, is in the heart of the populations of these two species. This area is also habitat to other threatened and at-risk species, and contains striking densities of wombats. Citizen science efforts over the last year have recorded within the proposed logging operation:

- 102 greater glider den trees;
- 1 yellow-bellied glider den tree;
- multiple sightings, calls and feed trees of the elusive yellow-bellied glider;
- 6 large stick nests over 50cm in diameter in living or dead trees;
- 666 wombat burrows;
- more than a dozen flame robin sightings, including parents feeding fledglings;
- multiple recordings of gang-gang cockatoos, including a breeding pair inspecting a tree hollow;
- high densities of lyrebirds, including 4 lyrebird nests.

Many of these records create formal exclusion zones under the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval (CIFOA), or informal ones under voluntary protocols to protect wombat burrows.

In total, 775 such records have been found by citizen scientists to date within the scheduled logging compartments, creating 775 formal and informal exclusion zones.

We urge FCNSW to consider these extraordinary statistics. Glenbog is a biodiversity stronghold that should never be logged.

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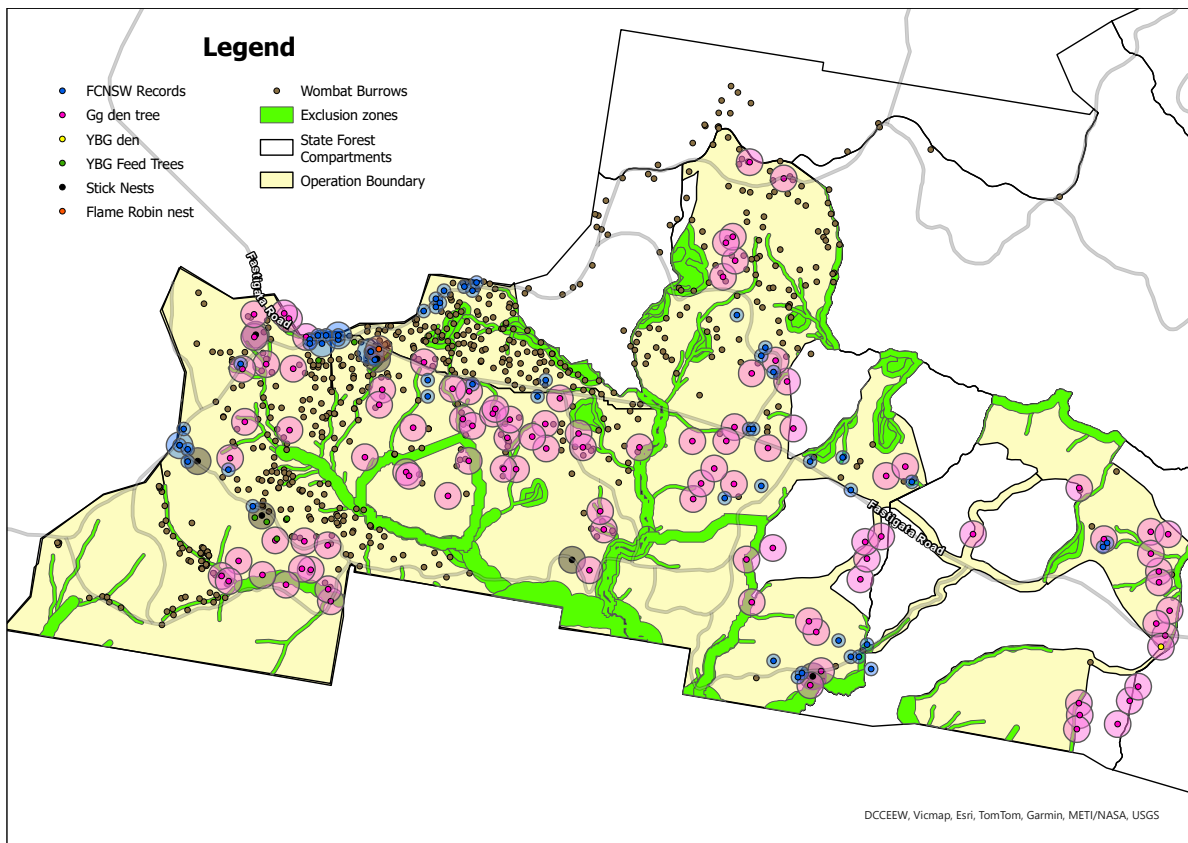
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A yellow-bellied glider, listed as a threatened species under NSW law, sits across the road from the den tree recorded by citizen science work.





Map of citizen science records in the proposed logging area.



A wombat in its burrow in the proposed logging area.

Greater glider den trees

	Date/time	Easting	Northing
1	18/12/2024 20:50:00	718179.731	5951117.266
2	23/12/2024 21:33:00	718391.024	5951734.983
3	24/12/2024 21:14:00	716696.874	5951860.527
4	24/12/2024 21:26:00	716794.504	5951931.455
5	24/12/2024 21:45:00	716775.411	5952108.687
6	02/01/2025 21:13:00	718072.553	5950927.798
7	02/01/2025 21:20:00	718039.338	5950875.348
8	02/01/2025 21:34:00	717991.471	5950788.962
9	04/01/2025 21:16:00	717836.951	5950773.891
10	04/01/2025 21:21:00	717849.03	5950826.433
11	04/01/2025 21:24:00	717847.029	5950871.227
12	04/01/2025 21:57:00	718657.78	5951361.6
13	08/01/2025 21:04:00	716705.754	5951484.042
14	08/01/2025 21:14:00	716605.124	5951443.166
15	08/01/2025 21:27:00	716620.956	5951282.226
16	24/01/2025 21:17:28	714891.42	5951972.992
17	24/01/2025 21:47:17	714723.176	5952008.397
18	23/08/2025 18:21:18	718161.271	5951317.862
19	23/08/2025 18:24:35	718161.651	5951358.748
20	18/09/2025 18:22:44	718134.729	5951508.719
21	18/09/2025 19:36:06	716642.663	5952142.687
22	19/09/2025 18:24:11	718200.305	5951497.98
23	19/09/2025 18:31:29	718133.07	5951426.717
24	19/09/2025 18:48:25	718198.57	5951210.499
25	19/09/2025 19:04:12	716733.9	5952188.411
26	20/10/2025 20:11:46	718146.867	5951163.178
27	13/12/2025 21:24:44	715245.206	5952116.606
28	14/12/2025 20:43:59	714882.03	5952412.478
29	14/12/2025 20:45:25	714719.117	5952207.182
30	14/12/2025 20:47:00	714899.796	5952392.475
31	14/12/2025 20:52:25	714962.46	5952321.968
32	14/12/2025 20:55:54	714809.252	5952223.334
33	18/12/2025 21:02:03	714768.122	5952411.835
34	18/12/2025 21:06:22	714767.026	5952326.71
35	18/12/2025 21:21:53	714910.842	5952203.621
36	20/12/2025 21:06:20	715915.638	5952066.761
37	20/12/2025 21:17:10	715858.024	5951972.499
38	20/12/2025 21:25:16	715982.864	5951932.609
39	22/12/2025 21:08:30	715997.821	5951880.596
40	22/12/2025 21:18:42	715859.291	5951879.647

41	22/12/2025 21:31:36	715582.507	5951971.835
42	22/12/2025 21:38:48	715547.036	5951998.38
43	22/12/2025 21:47:28	715573.527	5952102.11
44	23/12/2025 21:09:51	716057.123	5951638.744
45	23/12/2025 21:16:47	716069.032	5951569.775
46	23/12/2025 21:27:34	716011.021	5951417.791
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51	25/12/2025 21:22:18	715743.394	5951804.745
52	26/12/2025 21:15:25	715724.33	5951991.789
53	26/12/2025 21:20:40	715807.434	5951925.479
54	26/12/2025 21:41:52	715660.904	5952015.718
55	27/12/2025 20:54:06	715670.577	5952033.238
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58	28/12/2025 21:05:05	715511.067	5952113.162
59	28/12/2025 21:12:25	715405.614	5952215.326
60	29/12/2025 21:10:31	715358.466	5951970.409
61	29/12/2025 21:20:32	715173.432	5951863.869
62	29/12/2025 21:34:19	715232.42	5952059.942
63	30/12/2025 21:03:45	716211.47	5951875.141
64	30/12/2025 21:35:31	716572.405	5951942.274
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66	31/12/2025 21:31:46	716781.99	5952872.794
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71	01/01/2026 21:35:50	717055.103	5951498.492
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75	02/01/2026 20:57:43	714863.426	5951391.844
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81	02/01/2026 21:58:06	715031.018	5951325.648
82	02/01/2026 22:26:05	714827.128	5951559.72
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99	08/01/2026 21:03:13	717140.7	5951744.174
100	08/01/2026 21:11:05	717213.82	5951777.464
101	08/01/2026 21:31:05	717957.315	5951485.51
102	08/01/2026 21:58:51	717868.907	5951680.626

Stick nests over 50cm dbh in trees

	Date/time	Easting	Northing
1	12/14/25 13:23	715228.70769673	5952233.03207555
2	12/14/25 16:03	714772.667159774	5952335.00230026
3	12/14/25 16:45	714778.704528438	5951654.55865708
4	12/14/25 16:17	714541.373052466	5951865.15360107
5	12/22/25 18:11	715946.377653907	5951458.35715328
6	1/5/26 15:52	716844.328454054	5950997.61404646

Flame robins feeding fledglings (likely nest site)

	Date/time	Easting	Northing
1	12/30/25 13:10	715236.41	5952269.331

Yellow-bellied glider feed trees

	Date/time	Easting	Northing
1	12/13/25 17:41	715007.243123832	5952232.58617936
2	12/13/25 17:53	715144.398732406	5952297.66995803
3	12/14/25 16:53	714751.860572762	5951647.18824418
4	12/14/25 16:55	714796.491750718	5951630.13631625
5	12/14/25 16:59	714833.246659504	5951565.74289259
6	12/14/25 17:11	714873.372942587	5951640.22444775

Yellow-bellied glider den tree

	Date/time	Easting	Northing
1	12/19/24 19:30	718162.466	5951075.736



Greater glider exiting a den tree hollow at record 48. Credit: Heidi Lincoln.

Wombats

Wombats are buried alive during logging operations, often leading to slow and painful deaths.

Searches lead by Jarake Wildlife Sanctuary have recorded 666 burrows, which by agreement with FCNSW will be protected from machinery and tree felling in northern Glenbog.

Those 666 records have been submitted to FCNSW by Jarake Wildlife Sanctuary separately.



A wombat in the proposed logging area sits at its burrow entrance. Credit: David Gallan.



Male and female gang-gang cockatoos within the proposed logging area. Credit: Heidi Lincoln.

Birds

BioNet lists 79 bird species in Glenbog state forest, ten of which are threatened species.

Lead by Birdlife Southern NSW, citizen scientists have been searching for birds within the area proposed for logging. So far, a large number of apparent breeding pairs of flame robins have been found. Their nests receive an exclusion zone under the CIFOA, and although it is the wrong season to find them, we know they are there. There have also been several sightings of the nationally endangered gang-gang cockatoo, along with calls heard of both powerful owls and sooty owls - listed as threatened species in NSW.



A flame robin within the proposed logging area. Credit: Heidi Lincoln.



Greater glider at record 49. Credit: Heidi Lincoln.