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Large crowd expected for Barrabup Forest at Parliament House

EVENT DETAILS: PARLIAMENT HOUSE 11:30am WEDNESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

A large crowd is expected at Parliament House this morning at 11:30am where Minister for Environment, Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, will receive a parliamentary petition calling for the protection of Barrabup Forest near Nannup.

More than 2000 people have signed the petition since the beginning of last month.

“The planned logging of Barrabup Forest has been met with fierce community opposition,” said Jess Beckerling, convener of the WA Forest Alliance.

“Earlier this year, Nannup residents discovered that a logging road had been pushed through what appeared to be old growth forest in Barrabup, destroying ancient jarrah and marri trees and habitat for endangered wildlife including Forest Black Cockatoos.

“All logging activities have been halted pending formal old growth and Aboriginal heritage assessments, which are expected to be finalised by the end of this month,” said Ms Beckerling.

“Barrabup is an ancient jarrah and marri forest just 5 kilometres from Nannup. It is very rich in ecological and Aboriginal heritage value and is the largest area of jarrah forest so close to Nannup that has never been intensively logged,” said Ellie McKie, spokesperson for the Barrabup Conservation Group.

“Barrabup is worth so much more standing, not just for our town, but for the whole State.

“We are asking the McGowan Government to support the tourism, honey production and other sustainable businesses in Nannup by declaring this beautiful gateway into our town a National Park,” said Ms McKie.

“If Barrabup was logged, about 85% of the wood sold would end up as firewood and charcoal and the opportunity to protect this forest for the long term would be gone forever,” said Ms Beckerling.

“In its platform the Labor Party recognises that our native forests are a national treasure and deserve to be treated as such.

“We are now calling on the new Labor Government to act on its pre-election forest promises to protect High Conservation Value forests, starting with a moratorium on the imminent logging of Barrabup Forest,” said Ms Beckerling.

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