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## ***Dramatic funeral procession through Perth City today, for Forests and Wildlife lost to logging.***

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Noongar leader Shaun Nannup and Uniting Church Reverend Ruth Vertigan will deliver eulogies at a powerful funeral procession through the city today, commemorating the forests and wildlife lost under government policies.

Hundreds of people are expected at the march, which will begin at Yagan Square at midday and end at Parliament House at approximately 1pm.

Wafa convener Jess Beckerling said, "Under the Regional Forest Agreement, which was signed on this day 20 years ago, 195 000 hectares of forests have been logged without proper environmental oversight and the number of threatened forest-fauna have doubled from 19 to 41.

"Native forest logging is the only industry in the country that has a special free pass from Federal environment laws.

"The Premier's recent decision to renew the RFA for a further 20 years, without scientific review or community consultation has drawn an angry response from Western Australians who love forests and want to see them fully protected," said Subiaco resident and forest protection advocate, Cath Price.

"People are increasingly frustrated with State and Federal governments who seem to be blind to the science and deaf to the community calls for strong forest and climate policies," said Ms Price.

"Today we march in mourning for the forests lost under the Regional Forest Agreement, and in protest against the major parties disgraceful forest and climate policies in the lead-up to the Federal election," said Ms Beckerling.

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