



**WA FOREST ALLIANCE**

**Native forest logging records another \$2m loss in latest Annual Report  
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The Forest Products Commission’s Annual Report for 2020-2021 has just been published and shows an operating loss before tax of \$1.958 million for the native forest logging sector.

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/fpc-annual-report-2020-2021> (see pp37-38)

“It goes to show that, from an economic perspective, the end of native forest logging in WA couldn’t come soon enough,” said Jess Beckerling, WA Forest Alliance convener.

“Native forest logging has been unsustainable for decades.

“It was inevitable that logging at such an intensive, industrial scale across the forests would result in the high-quality timber running out. The industry effectively ate its own future, and it took hundreds of thousands of hectares of precious old forests with it.

“It’s good news that West Australians have finally been listened to on this, and that native forest logging is coming to an end, but two years is a long time and a lot of damage can still be done in the forests before the end of this destructive and unsustainable industry.

“Two things now need to be done: we need to actively minimise the impacts of the industry in these final two years by supporting companies and employees to exit early, and we need to start work now on a world-class Forest Conservation Plan that finally puts things right and truly protects the forests’ climate and biodiversity values for future generations.

“West Australians have had enough of our forests being trashed at the tax-payer’s expense. Every last remaining area of native forest is too precious to lose,” said Ms Beckerling.

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