To the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

The petition of the citizens of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House 574 hectares of High Environmental Value native forest on the edge of Lake Macquarie and Newcastle.

This forest contains some of the last 10% of the endangered Lower Hunter Spotted Gum–Ironbark Forest, supports at least five threatened plant species including the critically endangered scrub turpentine (*Rhodamnia rubescens*), and provides habitat for at least twelve threatened animals, including koalas and is a key corridor link to existing habitat protecting these species. It also holds Aboriginal cultural sites. The forest stores tens of thousands of tonnes of carbon, mitigating climate change. It is a key corridor link to existing habitat. The Biodiversity Conservation Amendment…Act (2024) says areas of high biodiversity value are to be identified and avoided early.

The Lower Hunter needs to keep this high biodiversity value forest — the green lungs of our cities — for the health, recreation, and wellbeing of current and future generations.

The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to request the NSW Government to acquire the 574 hectares of biodiverse land located at 144 Boundary Road, Wallsend, 35-35B Frederick Street, Glendale and 1 Glendon Crescent, Glendale, (the Link Road Forest) and make it a National Park.

Signature	***Name***	***Address***