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The office of the Federal Environment Minister, Peter Garrett, says media reports that a ban on logging in river redgum forests in southern New South Wales won't happen, are wrong.

The Minister has proposed the logging ban from the end of May because of fears about the Superb Parrot.

The timber industry and community leaders say the move risks thousands of jobs and the New South Wales Government has also expressed concern.

The Primary Industries Minister, Ian Macdonald, met with Minister Garrett this week to discuss the issue.

A spokeswoman for Mr Macdonald says the meeting was productive and discussions are ongoing.

A spokesman for Mr Garrett says there's no plans to abandon the ban but it could be delayed.

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