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Your government's plan to log rainforests that have been protected in reserves for decades is outrageous, with far-reaching impacts on wildlife, climate and tourism.

There is no need to log ancient rainforests to supply wood to industry. Timber can be provided for craft workers, furniture makers and boat builders through salvaging, increased recycling and a proper woodbank.

Logging must be prohibited in all regional reserves and conservation areas, which should be upgraded to National Parks. In takayna / Tarkine, these conservation areas and regional should be added to the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area as part of a takayna National Park.

Given the extremely slow growth-rates and great age of many rainforest trees, rehabilitation to pre-logging conditions will take hundreds of years, if at all. Logging trees that are 300 years and older, as recommended in the draft plan, is unsustainable.

Logging of rainforests and logging in any reserves is simply unacceptable.

State and Federally listed Endangered species like the Grey Goshawk, Wedge-tailed Eagles, Masked Owls and Tasmanian Devils depend on these rainforests for their survival. Logging rainforests will push these species one step closer to extinction.

Logging rainforests will have significant ecological impacts to fragile and ancient ecosystems, and logging rainforest understorey in intact eucalypt forests will make these forests more vulnerable to bushfires.

For these reasons, and many others, the draft 'Tasmanian Special Species Management Plan' fails the environment, climate, economy and people.

Yours sincerely, [REDACTED]

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