

# Extending regional forest agreements

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We need to protect the natural old-growth forests of Australia whose value in terms of reputation and tourism dollars by far outweigh any value derived from logging (which is questionable at best). The forestry industry in Australia has proven unsustainable, not profitable and has been subsidised with taxpayers money, which eventually needs to stop. There are more and better jobs in the tourism sector and we should instead retrain forestry workers for longterm sustainable industries, especially nature tourism.

Unlogged forests are the most important tourism asset that Australia can offer – besides its beaches – to attract international visitors and compete in the increasingly competitive tourism market.

Unlogged forests further act as carbon sinks and store huge amounts of carbon, therefore helping to combat climate change. They also protect biodiversity, soil quality, act as natural fire barriers etc. Old-growth forests are a critical resource we need to protect and retain for future generations.

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