

Extending regional forest agreements

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There are four major points I would like to present against The Regional Forest Agreement.

1 There is a significant increase in extreme fires due to forestry activities. The canopies of the logged trees are left in situ, this combined with the sapling regrowth creates the conditions for extremely intense fires. Many of the logged forests are situated west of major south coast towns.

2 The economics of the local forest extraction does not make sense. Logs cut from the Eurobodalla are trucked all the way to the chip mill south of Eden. If it wasn't for the tax payers subsidy it would cost more to transport than the royalties obtained for the timber. There are other economic users of our forests including apiarists and tourism. I am not personally against the harvesting of some timber for a value added purpose like saw logs used in hardwood furniture.

3 The present logging program is restricting the species diversity of not only the Eucalypts but other fauna and flora. In unlogged forests there are always at least one plant species flowering so has to maintain a nectar flow for both mammals and insects.

4 Climate change is real and one of the best ways to lock up carbon is to allow hardwood forests to regenerate. The transport of the harvested logs hundreds of kilometres by road is creating extra greenhouse gases as would the burning of these forests in wildfires.

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