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Comments on proposed TRP changes 2016

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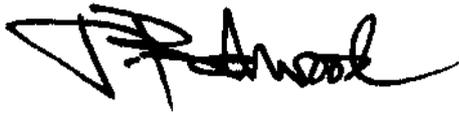
- has always maintained that VicForests should not be the body to assess public comments on planned areas to be logged. VicForests' sole purpose is operate on a commercial basis to provide timber volumes from public forests for private customers. There is a very real conflict of interest in this process which has never been addressed.
- has made an effort to provide detailed comments and concerns on planned logging and impacts on environmental values over many years. This has frustratingly been met with a rudimentary response to the effect that VicForests operates within the law.
- has shown through various Supreme Court legal challenges VicForests' above claim has not been the case and we maintain this continues today. This includes rainforest logging and totally inadequate survey criteria and protocols which do not detect protected species and their habitat.
- strongly opposes all of the planned changes that are in wet EVCs, High Value areas of the government's *Natureprint; Strategic Natural Values* map and every stand of forest which has not been subject to a thorough survey for both wildlife and plants including rainforest and rare EVCs.
- has particular concerns for a number of specific coupes including: 817-502-0011, 817-505-0006, 810-501-0020, 810-501-0009, 739-510-0019, 739-510-0021, 739-510-0018, 739-510-0020, 866-511-0013, 866-511-0011, 866-511-0012, 870-501-0019, 870-501-0015, 870-506-0009, 870-506-0011, 885-502-0001, 892-519-0015, 892-519-0014, 892-519-0016, 892-507-0020, 892-507-0021, 892-507-0006, 890-508-0018, 892-509-0005, 833-502-0017, 842-510-0020, 842-510-0021, 842-510-0016, 833-512-0024, 833-512-0025, 829-511-0019, 827-503-0005, 827-505-0005, 823-506-0014, 823-506-0015, 823-508-0002, 805-503-0010, 823-509-0014, 823-509-0015, 834-503-0007, 834-503-0008. These areas of forest have very important

conservation values which we believe must be surveyed by independent, suitably qualified experts. The values include:

Rainforest and RFSOS, modelled old growth, mature age forests with hollow bearing trees, proximity to or have within them glider, koala, LF Potoroo or owl records, rare forest types or/and is adjacent to a park or reserve (therefore edge effects).

- believes VicForests can no longer operate without regard for these values which have legislated protection and that logging in these areas without applying the precautionary principle and adequate surveys could be unlawful and create ongoing conflict.

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