

**OPEN LETTER:  
LOGGING INCREASES FIRE HAZARDS, CEASE ALL NATIVE FOREST LOGGING IN AUSTRALIA**

An open letter to the Parliament of Australia,

Sadness at the losses from the fires sears our souls. Worse might lie in wait.

We write to ask you to respond to the climate, fire, drought and biodiversity loss crises with an immediate nationwide cessation of all native forest logging.

We need our forestry workers to be immediately redeployed to fire services support and national park management to help protect the forests and us from fire.

Large, old-growth trees are important for carbon capture and storage and they keep on capturing carbon for their entire life.

Logging increases fire hazard in the short term. Many native species rely on unlogged forests.

Our timber needs can be met from existing plantations, with no need to log native forests.

Native forest logging is heavily subsidised by our taxes, which can be better spent on fire mitigation.

**This is above politics – please show the leadership Australia desperately needs.**

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