
Private Native Forestry Review submission

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Dear Committee,

There are several very important issues which must not be forgotten when reviewing Forestry practice.

1. Please remember that trees are a renewable resource. They should be used for as much as possible. They should be used for making paper. Paper should not be vilified. Paper should be prioritised over plastics. Trees should be used for as many building timbers as possible.

After harvesting a forest, it should be either replanted or allowed to regenerate. The forest should be managed and then re-harvested again when the trees have again grown to a harvestable size.

2. Please don't lock up the forests as that is what has caused the very severe bush fires we have had lately. We have always had bush fires but since the forests have been locked up for at least 25 year, the fires have become far more severe due to the much greater amount of dead wood under the Eucalypts on the forest floor. We also now have many exotics in the locked up forests. When the fires are so severe the trees burn so badly that that can't regenerate and they die. The animals can't get away. Hazard reduction burns must be carried out continually so that the trees nor the animals, die.

As the owners of both a native forest and an exotic pine forest we have noticed that it has been significantly easier to manage the pine forest.

If the Government wants to maximise the private native forests in the state it needs to make the management of the PNF less complex and similar to that of the exotic forests, where we were allowed to harvest the trees when the markets were available and when the thinning was required.

Private Native Forests should be allowed to be registered under the plantation and reforestation act so that continuous harvesting and thinning of regrowth can be properly planned and executed.

The few hectares in our native forest which were legally cleared have regrown into a mixed forest which now requires thinning to maximise wood production.

Both native and exotic forests should be treated with the same rules, to maximise the value. Regrowth of a mixed eucalyptus forest should be treated equally to planting seedlings of a mono culture (which are usually exotic but sometimes from another part of Australia).

Trees sequester more CO₂ when they are young and growing vigorously than when they are mature or old because mature and old trees have a lot of dead wood in them and dead wood produces CO₂.

The use of trees should be encouraged by making all the processes for harvesting them, easier.

The use of trees should Not be vilified because trees are a renewable resource. They have been used successfully for centuries.

Kind regards,

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