



To  
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Dr. Rudolf Fenner  
for forwarding to  
Prime Minister  
Kevin Rudd  
Australia

Dear Mr. Prime Minister,  
Please act now to ensure that Tasmania’s unique forests are finally protected from degrading activities. Tasmania’s rainforests and the forests with the world’s biggest broadleaf trees are spectacular examples of the natural heritage of our earth.

Of particular concern is the endangered Tall Eucalypt Forests in the Upper Florentine Valley, the Styx Valley, the Weld Valley and numerous other valleys that border the World Heritage Area. Tasmania is fortunate to have one of the largest intact tracts of temperate rainforest in the world in the Tarkine Region and other high conservation value forests in eastern Tasmania that are home to unique, endemic wildlife. These forest ecosystems deserve the highest level of protection.

Please do not abandon these unique forests to the timber industry! The Tasmanian forestry industry is infamous for its destructive clear-cuttings, logging and its reckless burning-off of the felling areas.

Although these forests fulfill the criteria for world heritage, they were not taken into account when the great protected area in the west of Tasmania was created. The UNESCO World Heritage Committee has already asked your government to extend the existing World Heritage boundary to include these globally significant forests.

Their biodiversity and their species assemblage are unique. Many animal and plant species are endemic to these forests. Moreover, these primeval forests clearly accumulate more carbon than most forests in the tropical and temperate climate zones. The destruction of these forests and their transformation into commercial forests would also cause significant harm to the climate.

Dear Prime Minister, please act immediately to stop to the felling of Tasmania’s forests! Ensure that these forests are protected now!  
Our world heritage and our climate are at stake!

Please inform me of your decision.

Yours respectfully,

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