

From: Amelia Young [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 15 September 2017 3:47 PM
To: EIC; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Transcript - Inquiry into VicForests Operations 17/07/2017
Attachments: Whole Log Exports – Evidence of any occurrence where high value wood is being sold for a low value for another purpose.pdf

Dear Prue and Lilian,

Please find below and attached my responses to questions on notice taken when I gave evidence to the Parliamentary Inquiry into VicForests Operations:

1. In the Nous Group report, how were the figures for the amount of new jobs and returns to the economy, arrived at? [PAGE 31/32]

Nous Group (Nous) was engaged by The Wilderness Society to undertake a narrowly scoped analysis, projecting the additional economic activity generated by the Great Forest National Park (GFNP) through park establishment, park management and potential additional visitor expenditure.

The report looked at various scenarios, including private enterprise building the already proposed tree-top walk at Cambarville and zip-line at Toolangi as well as an eco-lodge at a cost of \$19.2 million.

The report estimates that a tree-top walk and zip-line would attract an additional 132,000 people to the Great Forest National Park even though the Otway Fly zip-line in the Otway Ranges attracted about 220,000 visitors in its first year of operation.

The analysis takes into account people may visit the park anyway even if they take in such attractions.

It does not include local visitors' spending and importantly does not take into account the proposed park's close proximity to Melbourne.

The analysis considers the economic impact of the GFNP under three distinct scenarios which represent different options for implementing the GFNP proposal. The analysis is conservative and based on publicly available information. □ Scenario 1 – Change in tenure: involves only a change in tenure with no other changes made to the status quo. □ Scenario 2 – Publicly funded attraction: considers the scenario where the park is established with funding from the government for infrastructure and more extensive park management. □ Scenario 3 – Private investment: assumes private investment is attracted to the region, contributing to the establishment of the GFNP as a significant tourism destination and enabling the GFNP to realise more of its tourism potential. Analogous case studies and research highlighted by stakeholders through the consultation process were drawn on to inform defensible assumptions and derive estimates of increased direct expenditure from park establishment, park management and higher visitation.

Estimates of direct expenditure were then used to approximate the GFNP's contribution to economic activity (measured through Gross Value Added – GVA) using a purpose-built IO model tailored to the specific Local Government Areas (LGAs) in the study area.

2. A copy of the Nous report [PAGE 32]

The Nour Report is available

at: https://www.wilderness.org.au/sites/default/files/VIC/gfnp_economic_contribution_of_park_establishment_park_management_and_visitor_expenditure_report_03-02-2017.pdf

3. Further information about the TIRES program [PAGE 32]

Further information about the TIRES program is available

at: <http://www.timbertownsvictoria.org.au/index.php/work/item/47-tires>, and shows the \$98million in roadworks required (2013) due to the impacts of log trucks.

4. Evidence of any occurrence where high value wood is being sold for a low value for another purpose [PAGE 36/37]

Please see photos and videos of whole sawlogs - some B and C grade - being delivered and loaded into shipping containers at Tottenham and other yards.

Please see attached PDF document, and associated documents, photos and videos in the folder sent to you just now by WeTransfer.

Any problems with files or hyperlinks, please do let me know.

If you are able to confirm receipt of this email and the WeTransfer files I'd be most grateful.

Yours sincerely,

Amelia.