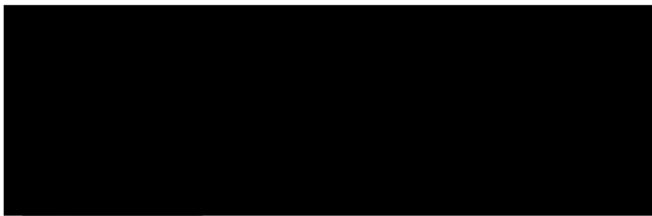


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My name is Francesca Nicol of [REDACTED]  
I am a mother of 2 & my husband & I run a real estate agency, I want this put to public record.  
I'm writing this to beg for a scientific approach in regards to our old growth forests, newer forests & the animals that populate them. Like many within the population, I was left incredulous when the labour & liberal governments allowed logging of already burnt forests. I realise they were keen to maintain an economy that was potentially on the brink but this has horrendous implications for all of us. Please I implore you to ban all further logging of any forests (except for current tree farms). It is insanity to think that the public should have to ask this. We are on a continent that has scant resources & need these forests to clean air & water, the biodiversity is essential for our future given the grim tipping points we have already surpassed towards climate change disaster. To ignore this is just unacceptable. Given it is likely we will see more & more fire, we need forests to be regenerating so that there is habitat for the greatly diminished population of wildlife we have left.

Given how distressing this is & the general political climate, PLEASE GIVE US HOPE THAT SOMEONE IS LISTENING. This is not a labour or liberal thing & not a time for band standing, it's a time to be human. It's a time to reinvent the forestry industry & retrain them in skills to build wind & solar farms so we can sell power to other countries. If BP & all the major companies can turn their businesses completely round to produce wind energy on the oceans in the UK & Europe, we have absolutely no excuse. The time is nearly too late. I want a habitable earth left for my children.

Regards



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