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**From:** Stephen Warne [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 31 August 2020 11:32 AM  
**To:** ecosystems  
**Subject:** Please protect and promote wilderness and flourishing forests full of biodiversity

**Categories:** Submissions

Dear Committee Members,

I do not have enough time to make a detailed submission, but I do wish to state my desire that the government stop logging native forests, recognise the long term value of large wild places, and replant large swathes of cleared land with flourishing forests, as opposed to simply planting a lot of the same kind of trees for carbon sequestration purposes. I know the commitment to stopping logging native forests, but there are several elections between now and then, and so much native forest has been burnt recently that the time has come to bring the protection of forests forward. Clearing of forests around the world continues at awful speed, making the protection of our own forests here in Australia's most-cleared state all the more important. We have the whole of the rest of human existence to get through, and forests are going to be rare and valuable commodities in the not too distant future, as will be a land which still boasts natural places and places of beauty.

We should invest for the long term in forests, and transition to clean energy as soon as possible. It is a disgrace that, per capita, we are amongst the worst fossil fuel emitters, and that, as the developed economy with amongst the most to lose from climate change and its sequelae but the greatest opportunity to exploit the post-carbon economy, yet we are amongst the worst nation in terms of moving towards such an economy: Ross Garnaut, *Super Power*, (2019).

Regards,

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