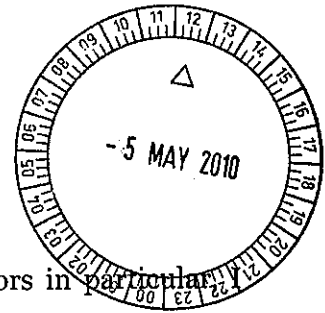


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The Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs

Dear Brian



On behalf of our community, and the Jarrahdale Forest Protectors in particular, we would like to thank you for visiting Mundlimup.

As a summary could I draw a few points to your notice

1. Communities involved in consultation over logging of forest they wish to protect have found a dramatic, and devastating, difference between the assurances of FPC and what actually happens. The idea of a logging machine weaving between vegetation to fell and pick up one tree stretches credibility (picture of smaller machine is attached), as does their selection of the better trees to be left as crop trees. Note FPC did not point out that in the vicinity of where we stopped were to be three log landings – ie clear felled areas of the size of Cobiac area we visited, these would not regenerate to a forest structure for many decades if ever. FPC have previously stated that logging roads would be widened to 5m. yet on Friday stated the road would remain as is (3 –4 m), Note machine is over 4.2m.
2. Breaching of guidelines by contractors is no minor matter, eg at Yabberup coupe there was disregard of dieback rules, breaching of protected stream zones and even crossing of streams by machinery by contractors. FPC admitted there is no effective redress for these breaches.
3. While FPC are now stressing the value of these logs to our local mills, not only is this a recent version of destination of logs but the amount coming out of Alcoa clear felling would be many times that of Mundlimup (11,000 ha vs 300 ha and clear felling vs thinning) but also a sizable proportion of the Alcoa land was unexpected and not included in FPC's forward planning.
4. As stated in our submission the community values highly this area of forest, probably the only area of this quality close to Perth, and strongly believes it should be allowed the opportunity to develop into a mature forest for educational and research purposes and for the benefit of future generations. This opportunity will be forgone if logged now.

We request that you do all in your power to set this area aside from future logging given that so much of our local forest has been or will be cleared for mining and will take hundreds of years to re-establish to a mature forest.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jan Star AM

5th May 2010