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Dear Commissioners,

In these times of rapid planetary degradation, it is irresponsible to continue allowing further destruction of our Ecological National Treasures.

The trees, land, flora & fauna that take just days to destroy, take a century to restore.

As a proud Australian, I am disgusted at how authorities continually pander to the greed lust of those who derive material gain out of destroying our land - even though the cost to the vast majority of Australians for such destruction is immense.

Supporting jobs is fine, if they are fine jobs. Destroying our land and country is not a fine job.

It is way overdue that we create jobs and value out of protecting the environment we all depend on, and not continue succumbing to barbaric and outdated attitudes, that insist that jobs can only be created from rape & pillage of our environment.

For those of dull imagination - alternative, more sustainable & more plentiful jobs could come from such fields as:

- forest restoration;
- sustainable tourism & retreats & conferences;
- sustainable forest festivals;
- sustainable harvesting of fallen timbers;
- value adding to such timbers;
- jobs involving research & development, implementation, commercialisation, & export, in the fields of Rural : renewable energy, waste management, water efficiency, sustainable food production, building, & community planning techniques.

Please don't let our Nation, the future generations, and the whole Planet down.

Please see to it that these vital forests, that protect this vital river, are not only finally protected from further pillage, but are proactively repaired.

Yours Sincerely                      concerned citizen