

Is protecting Australia's State Forests our most cost-effective climate action?

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*"Committed and knowledgeable scientists can make
an influential contribution to public policy."*

(Professor Peter Cullen, 1943-2008)

MORNING PROGRAMME

9am **Registration & screen preview including 'Natural Forests' Photographic Exhibition***

9.30 **Welcome to Forest Heritage** **Prue Acton & Mike Thompson**
☛ Gondwana to Gum Trees - millions of years; Aboriginal management - thousands of years; Last 200 years!

9.35 **HONEST CARBON ACCOUNTING and our CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE**

Role of Native Forests in Climate Change Mitigation **Prof. Brendan Mackey ANU**
☛ Ref. Climate Commission Science (May 2011),

Forest Stewardship Council in Australia **Michael Spencer FSC Australia**
☛ Can new FSC Standards protect High Conservation Values incl. **Carbon** in State Forests? (e.g. Tasmania)

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Andrew Macintosh ANU

Dr. Pep Canadell CSIRO, Global Carbon Project

10.20 **Jobs, Dollars & Sense in State Forests** **Latest on \$276M Tasmanian Forest Agreement**



Dr. Judith Ajani ANU

Naomi Edwards & Gemma Tillack

Dr. Phill Pullinger Environment Tasmania

11am **COFFEE BREAK**

11.30 **BIODIVERSITY, SUSTAINABILITY & FIRE 'Landscape Traps'**



... introductory quotes from Prof. David Lindenmeyer ANU, & Senate **Koala Inquiry**

Conserving bio-diverse carbon-rich State Forests under Regional Forests Agreements

Virginia Young President of Australian Committee for IUCN

Dr. Denis Saunders WWF & Wentworth Group

Dr. Graeme Hamilton Birds Australia

12.00 **LAW & DISORDER in Australia's State Forests**



Outlook from Victoria & NSW

Jill Redwood Environment East Gippsland, **Vanessa Bleyer** Lawyers for Forests

Kirsty Ruddock & Natasha Hammond-Deakin Environmental Defenders Office

Pepe Clarke Nature Conservation Council of NSW

12.30 **LUNCH BREAK** - tasty vegan food and opportunity to engage with speakers and others.



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AFTERNOON PROGRAMME

Why are we wood-chipping our State Forests?

- 2pm **Ecopella Choir** Welcome this acclaimed choir singing about the beauty of our natural forests.
- 2.20 **Critical Decade 2011-2020: FOREST CLIMATE ACTION. Where to from here?**
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| State Forest degradation on NSW North & South Coasts | Francis Pike & Lisa Stone | |
| Online Action | Paul Oosting | GetUp! |
| Retailing Forests | Louise Morris | Markets For Change |
| State Forests & the Carbon Farming Initiative | Corey Watts | The Climate Institute |
| National Forests & Climate Action Campaign | Warrick Jordan | The Wilderness Society |
| Forest Fires & Climate Action | Chris Taylor | Melb.Univ. & Beyond Zero Emissions |
- 3.30 *COFFEE BREAK*
- 3.50 **Forest Climate Action?: Dr. Mike Kelly** for Gillard Govt. & **Lee Rhiannon** Australian Greens
Shadow Minister Greg Hunt sent an apology "It is however a great project and I commend you."
Independent member Rob Oakeshott replied from RFA-damaged Regional Australia
"I would like to speak, but unfortunately cannot on that date. It is important work you are doing though, so I will be interested in any findings that come from the conference."
- 4.30 **Regional Development Plans & Local Community Consultation** (Template for RFA Regions)
Eden-Monaro Case Study: 'Critical Decade' Conservation on NSW South Coast - in Bega & Eurobodalla Shires
- Landscape Plan: Bio-diverse Forest Carbon Store & National Wildlife Corridors, with Southern Rivers CMA
 - Support Aboriginal-owners by expanding Gulaga & Biamanga National Parks around Bermagui (ref. Koala)
 - Jobs Transition Strategy to end over-80% logging for wood-chips under Pre-Climate-Action 1990s RFAs
 - Landholders sign-up to CFI / Voluntary Conservation Agreements and/or Logging via Property Veg.Plans?
- 4.35 **Resolutions from 2011 Forests & Climate Forum** Gemma Tillack Australian Forests & Climate Alliance
- 4.50 **Under the Canopy** Bishop George Browning Australian Religious Response to Climate Change
- 5pm *Close & short walk to 'Natural Forests' Photographic Exhibition in Foyer Gallery of the ANU School of Arts.
Welcome drinks hosted by Prue Acton & later dinner at nearby restaurant, please confirm on registration.
View works by Rob Blakers, Judith Deland, Richard Green, John Reid, Heide Smith, and Gordon Undy.

Seats are limited: Forum \$30 including Lunch
Register via Mike.Thompson@Nature.Net.au

