

“ I have more respect for your money than to just write blank cheques to industries which, let's face it, have been very good at using taxpayers' money, but haven't always been that good at maintaining production and jobs.” - TONY ABBOTT, ABCTV Lateline 5 August 2013

<http://www.abc.net.au/lateline/content/2013/s3818773.htm>

When will major political parties apply this standard to the native forest woodchipping industry ?

Subsidy/ grant		Source
Forest Industry Structural Adjustment Program (FISAP) over past 10 years	\$58.44 Million	Commonwealth Parliamentary Library
Dinner for national industry lobby group, National Association of Forest Industries, 21 March 2011	\$10,000	Senate Question on Notice 221
National Association of Forest Industries. Trip to China for Industry Promotion 2010/11	\$86,200	
Timber Communities Australia, industry lobby group shop front	\$94,000	
Forest and Wood Products Australia research grants program 2009-11	\$18.63 Million	
Losses by State Government logging agencies in NSW, Victoria, WA and Tasmania on native forest logging	\$16 Million EACH YEAR in NSW. Similar amounts in other States	Question on Notice NSW Parliament
Access to forest resource and underpriced log royalties.	This is partly covered by logging agency losses (above), but otherwise not calculated.	
National Association of Forest Industries. Grant for industry promotion, 2010/11	\$16,740	Senate Question on Notice 221
National Association of Forest Industries. Industry Development grant, 2010/11	\$160,000	
Local Government Rates. Exemption for production forests owned by some corporatized State Government logging agencies.	\$15 Million EACH YEAR in NSW.	Based on estimate by Bega Valley Shire Council
Federal/ state/ council roads. Damage by log trucks. License fees do not cover the cost to the roads of damage done.	A log truck pays only a few times the rego of a car, but does many times the damage to roads	www.harryclarke.com/2009/04/19/road-maintenance-externalities/
Services, such as “education” undertaken on behalf of the industry as a whole by either State forestry agencies or the portfolio department, such as NSW Primary Industries and Small Business.	\$1.5 Million EACH YEAR in NSW	Question on Notice NSW Parliament
ForestWorks, an industry body for its National Workforce Development Fund (NWDF) and Enterprise Based Productivity Places Program (EBPPP) 2011/12	\$5.2 Million	Commonwealth Parliamentary Library

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Damage to catchments caused by soil erosion and siltation of waterways.	No calculation available	
Carbon costs avoided. Exemption of logging from the carbon pricing scheme.	\$362 Million EACH YEAR for Eden chip-mill logging alone	www.chipstop.savetheforests.org.au/chipmill%20calculation%20flyer.pdf
Loss of biodiversity/ environmental damage, including the death, injury and suffering of forest mammals, birds and reptiles.	What price can you put on a dead koala or Powerful Owl?	Impossible to quantify.
Greater bushfire risk due to drier, denser, even aged, even height regrowth forest.	No calculation available	
Remediation of marine environments due to introduction of exotic marine organisms from ballast water of woodchip carriers.	Exotic marine organisms are in all Australia's woodchip ports	No calculation available
Diesel Fuel Rebate claimed by native forest logging contractors 2007+	\$60+ Million over the last 5 years	Commonwealth Parliamentary Library
2010 Government election commitment for a \$20 million assistance package for Tasmanian forest contractors and their employees (not part of the Tasmanian Intergovernmental Agreement)	\$20 Million	ALP election promise 2010
Forest Industry Climate Change Research Fund and other grants for bio-energy research and/or development. 2008-11	\$4.7 Million	Commonwealth Parliamentary Library
Biodiversity Fund. Grants to State Forest logging agencies 2012/13	\$2.5 Million	
Tasmanian Forest Intergovernmental Agreement funding from Federal & State Governments	\$338 Million (Commonwealth) \$56.4 Million (State)	
Tasmania: additional Commonwealth funding May 2013	\$7 Million	
Tasmanian Forest Contractors Exit Assistance Program	\$17 Million	
Tasmanian Forest Contractors Financial Support Program	\$5.4 million	
Climate Change Mitigation, 2008 and 2011	\$1.4 million	
Climate Change Adaptation Research, 2008 and 2011	\$3.6 million	
Climate Change Bioenergy Research, 2008-2011	\$3.6 million	

What price do they put on my life?



This list of subsidies to the native forest logging industry is not comprehensive & some items are not quantified. Some are once only payments, some are every year. Some are national, some are for a particular State. It illustrates the range, extent & magnitude of subsidies.

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