

Letter to the editor SMH Harriett Swift, 24 Dec 2009

Response to John Humphreys.

John Humphreys, Centre for Independent Studies (SMH 23,4/12) has blamed activists for lack of progress on mitigating climate change because "they spend millions of dollars whingeing and asking other people to do something."

OK, John, how do I stop native forest logging, believed to be responsible for as much as 20% of global greenhouse gas emissions?

A recent opinion poll showed that 77% of Australians oppose native forest logging and yet our Governments persistently defy public opinion on this. They do not just allow it, they subsidise it.

Many of us have tried, blockading and campaigning in many ways, often risking life, limb and liberty to do so, but we have all failed to stop it because it remains Government policy. Only a Government decision can stop this highly polluting industry

Yours sincerely
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