

LETTER TO THE EDITOR CONFRONTING GILLARD AND ABBOT ON
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When the environment is so important particularly for women voters, why have the media been derelict in their duty to confront Gillard and Abbott on environmental degradation?

The world is facing the greatest mass extinctions since the dinosaurs as climate change compounds the impact of habitat loss from deforestation.

Here in South East Australia we are seeing dwindling numbers of once common species like koalas now close to regional extinction. Will we do nothing while swift parrots and laughing kookaburras disappear? And degradation of the carbon dense forest of the south east which produces around 7% of Australian emissions heating the planet?

Young women according to consistent polling want the environment placed front and centre of political agendas.

Indeed in a recent Galaxy poll, 84% of regional women want native forest logging stopped, which means no woodchipping and no burning forests for electricity.

Both Labor and Liberals support Regional Forest Agreements that are facilitating large scale habitat loss, and both Parties have now voted to provide substantial financial incentives through the renewable energy legislation for native forest woodchippers to log and burn forests for electricity generation. What will another 40 years of these destructive activities add to the warming of the planet?

Women have always passed on the culture to the next generation, so why don't Liberal and Labor listen? No wonder young women are voting for The Greens.

The planet needs our vote.

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