

Media Release: Cable Logging Destruction Halted in Weld Valley, Tasmania

"Early this morning, ten conservationists returned to Tasmania's Weld Valley, bringing logging of carbon rich ancient forest to a standstill.

Two conservationists are atop the cable logging machines that are being used to decimate a large area of native forest in the Barnback Catchment," said Jenny Weber, spokesperson for the Huon Valley Environment Centre.

"Tasmania's wild forests in the Weld Valley have been at the helm of the Labor State and Federal Governments relentless onslaught of ancient eco systems for the past months. Over 200 hectares has been clearfelled in the Weld Valley and this area in the Barnback Catchment where conservationists stand on the frontline today, is a 50 hectare large swathe of devastation," said Ms Weber.

"The ongoing loss of carbon sinks, wildlife habitat, and Tasmania's wilderness continues every day in the Weld Valley. Huon Valley Environment Centre is calling on Premier Bartlett to address this environmental and social crisis in the forests. World Heritage Value forests such as the Weld must be immediately protected and a restructuring of the logging industry so that contractors are compensated and are no longer put into contentious areas such as these," said Ms Weber

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