



**Greg Hunt MP**  
**Minister for the Environment**  
**Australian Government**

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Dear Greg,

Sincere congratulations on your appointment as Australia's Environment Minister.

This is my open follow-up on three topics Prue Acton and I discussed with you in Hastings 1-May-13.

## 1. **G20, UN FCCC/IPCC and Kyoto2 Forest Management Guidelines (Oct. 2013)**

As you realise, the 2015 International Agreement on Climate Change, planned to apply from 2020, provides our Australian Government with historic leadership opportunities via G20 and UN forums.

IPCC's 27-Sep-13 seven-year Assessment Report delivered a 95%-certain climate-science platform. Natural systems and forest chapters will follow in late 2014 and are also important.

We trust Global COPs19/20 and G20 outcomes can help evolve bi-partisan long-term market mechanisms in Australia, and note the IPCC Chair saying "We have to put a price on carbon".

We welcome your 'in principle' support for 2013 Kyoto2 Forest Management Guidelines (2014-2020) due to be published this month, and request dialogue on related CFI Forest Methodologies.

## 2. **Australia's Emissions Reduction Fund (2014-2020)**

We will engage constructively with our Australian Government on '**Better Land Management**' by focusing on Carbon Farming Initiative (CFI) Forest Methodologies and related co-benefit projects.

### (a) **Forest CFI Training Workshops & Capacity Building** (incl. [Indigenous CFI Projects](#))

Firstly I wish to thank the Australian Government for funding my place on the recent 4-day pilot 'train-the-trainers' CFI Advisor course. We plan Forest Carbon Workshops in 4 States in 2014.

### (b) **Top-Ten 'Climate-ready' Regional NRM Plans & Forest Agreements** (Reverse Auction)

90% of Australians visit or live in ten coastal CFI-funded NRM Regions dominated by carbon-dense native forests, and many plan 'source neutral' reverse-auction direct-action proposals.

### (c) **Honest Reports – starting with NGERs linked to Regional Forests & CFI Methodologies**

Stopping virtual clear-fell logging in centuries-old carbon-dense native forests avoids up-front 'pulse' of around 60% emissions in the first decade. Wildlife and tourism co-benefits abound. Plantations supply the jobs, wood and 'carbon credits' which avoid large up-front 'carbon debt'.

## 3. **Keynote Speaker Invitation:**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Australian Forests & Climate Action Forum @ ANU Canberra 22-Feb-14**

Professors Andrew Mackintosh, David Lindenmayer and [Brendan Mackey](#), together with Drs. Judith Ajani, Heather Keith and Tim Cadman are already confirmed as speakers. Professor Jean Palutikof (Griffith) and other experts from Government, Industry and CSIRO are also being invited.

Community eNGOs I first met at regular meetings with Robert Hill sponsor these forums. You can hear their latest comments welcoming our new Abbott Government in the ABC Radio clip attached.

Under Minister Hill, we supported the EPBC Act design as a co-operative 'One-Stop-Shop' but the States never co-operated. Delegation can be responsible. Abdication like pre-carbon RFAs is not.

**Greg, as convener of this forum 22-Feb-14, I invite you to deliver a keynote address entitled *Australian Government Environment and Climate Policy on State Forest Land Management*.**

As host of the [World Parks Congress in Sydney](#) 17-Nov-14, you can promote its timely relevance.

Please confirm acceptance for 22-Feb-14, and if/when useful to you, suggest a Canberra meeting.