



## South East Region Conservation Alliance Inc.

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The Hon. Matt Kean, MP  
52 Martin Place  
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Dear Minister

We are asking you to intervene to stop the resumption of native forest logging on the South Coast this week.

As you know, it is now 6 months since logging stopped in the Eden Region. This was because the Forestry Corporation was unable to meet the post bushfire environmental standards set by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

To resume logging now, especially under approvals substantially unchanged since before the bushfires is reckless and irresponsible.

Any bushfire survivors among wildlife in the forests set to be logged will have no hope if this logging goes ahead.

Scientific advice tells us that any burnt forests which are now logged will take possibly 200 years to recover, if ever.

To risk the very existence of these forest ecosystems for a few boatloads of cheap export woodchips is greedy and short sighted.

Woodchipping is massively subsidised by taxpayers and it's time our Governments and the industry recognised that native forest woodchipping has no future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hamish Szilard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deputy Convener