

It is outrageous and self evident that the management of our public forests under the RFA process has failed so badly.

The mooted Ecologically Sustainable Forest Management clearly was not unattainable since no substantive evidence has been presented by the RFA Review to even tilt at ESFM realisation; this is also indicated by the apparent inability to provide timely reviews. And furthermore, the blatantly inflated timber resources estimates of 20 years ago have precipitated the untenable situation that now exists through the industrialisation of logging. The RFAs should not be renewed.

It is clear that this model of Forest Management does not work, there should clearly be no extension of the Agreements.

The conservation of our forests for sustaining water production, storing carbon, moderating and maintaining life support systems and biodiversity in our times of our warming globe is an imperative. It would be criminal to proceed with "business as usual", the time to turn around is now. There is no merit whatsoever in continuing to log the native forests on public land. It is time for a just transition out of native forest logging.

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