

**Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications**  
**Legislation Committee**  
Answers to questions on notice  
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**Topic:** Timber logging in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area  
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**Senator Urquhart asked:**

From your understanding, does the Federal Minister, Mr Hunt, have the authority to override the Tasmanian Government's plans to allow special species timber logging in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area?

**Answer:**

The Australian Government Minister for the Environment may request that any action be referred to him for decision under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* if the proposed action has, will or is likely to have a significant impact on the World Heritage values of the property.