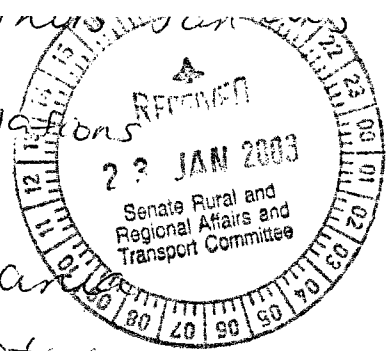


To The chairperson for Australian plantations
and Forestry,



I am a resident in Huon Valley Tasmania
and have many concerns over Forestry
Practices here in my own state as well as
Australia wide.

I see many problems thru' Forestrys
use of sprays and poisons (particularly 1080
and Atrazine). Peoples drinking water and
swimming holes can be affected thru these
practices so humans as well as the natural
ecosystems are disturbed and affected. I don't
want poisons in the water and the whole
downstream environment from Forestry operations
are then in jeopardy.

1080 is a horrible poison and not
enough effort is being put into finding
alternatives. Also clear-felling and burning
are wasteful practices that do not promote
sustainability and endanger all wildlife.
They do not return anything to the earth
and look ugly - lots of areas that could be
jointly managed for tourism & selective forestry
are totally unappealing to many people.

Plantations are taking over our
state - and replacing non-native species with
pines and introduced trees is ridiculous as
is the whole concept of

a monoculture planting. The use of genetically engineered plants is also a concern as there is the chance that they will interbreed with native species and alter the natural balance.

Plantations also feed the woodchip industry which is not making a viable return for our state. Much more value can be obtained from our forests and our timber by changing the way they are harvested.

I want to see reform to the practices of Forestry - particularly Forestry Tax that allow for balance in the envt, no poison use & more

Sensitive harvesting - maintaining balance without planting more plantations (What about the future?)

Thank you

— Nicky Crane