From: Cohabitat

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**To:** RRAT, Committee (SEN)

Subject: Legislation Underpinning Carbon Sink Forests Inquiry

Inquiry into the Implementation, Operation and Administration of the Legislation Underpinning Carbon Sink Forests.

I would like to register my opposition to this legislation until amendments are made to protect trees permanently and ensure these plantations are of mixed species and endemic (local) to the site to reduce the risk of "native" weed infestations.

Cynical exercises of providing tax breaks to large companies for tree plantations designed for carbon sinks only to be later sold on for forestry must be banned.

As with all legislation, please act in the best interests of nature and the future for later generations will have brighter prospects.

yours sincerely,

**Matthew and Catherine Allison**