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Dear Tim

**You may not know it, but you are one of the key players in the fight to save our remaining native forests.**

However, you are not alone in this fight! A recent Roy Morgan Research Poll in July 1996 shows that 98% of Australians strongly agree "we have a duty to future generations to conserve wilderness areas".

Because you are so important to our forests, I am sending you and many others like you, this latest update on East Gippsland's native forests and information on what we can do together to keep up the fight.



Barking Owl

Have you been to East Gippsland? It's a special place because of forests like Ellery Creek. In fact, Ellery Creek is one of the most beautiful forests I have seen and home to several endangered species. It is a temperate forest where the Long Footed Potoroo and Tiger Quoll creep through the undergrowth, where the Powerful and Sooty Owls glide silently between towering Shining Gums and where ridges and hillsides covered in old growth forest slope down into ancient rainforest gullies.

Ellery Creek is a reminder of forests now gone. It has been estimated by Dr Tony Norton of the Australian National University, that only 2% of Australia's richest eucalypt forests remain as old growth. Ellery Creek and a hand full of Victorian forests are a part of that 2%.

**Despite this, our governments have not yet acted to secure it's protection from the devastation caused by woodchipping.**

The current government plan for East Gippsland, called a Regional Forest Agreement, does not guarantee protection for areas like Ellery Creek. This plan is due to be signed by Christmas. That means that after Christmas, any forest that is not protected in a secure reserve or national park, could be woodchipped.

**We must act now!**

Forest areas such as East Gippsland, the Otways and the Central Highlands depend on community groups like Environment Victoria for their protection.

Environment Victoria has the people, skills and a wealth of experience to keep pressure on government and industry. We can make sure native forests get the media attention they deserve and we can research and promote alternatives to native forest products. We can keep a watchful eye on the decisions being make about Victoria's forests. **But our resources are limited.**

Here's what you can do:

* Send us your tax deductible donation today;
* Write a letter to your local Federal member of parliament and tell them that forests like Ellery Creek are too important to be woodchipped. Send a copy to your state Senators;
* Join the Woodchip Action Register by ticking the box on the coupon over the page;

Don't forget, your support now could make all the difference to places like Ellery Creek.

Your sincerely

Rose Read

Rose Read
President

**PS Your support in the past has kept the woodchippers out of forests like Ellery Creek. Your donation today will help us make sure they stay out!**

Cut the coupon out and place it with your donation in the envelope provided and return to Environment Victoria

☐ **Yes I really want to help win the fight to save our forests from woodchipping**

I wish to give: ☐ $1000 ☐ $50 ☐ $375 ☐ $750 ☐ $80 Other $.....

Please debit my: ☐ Bankcard ☐ Visa Card ☐ Mastercard

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Signature: _____ Expiry:..../.....

**OR** ☐ Here is my cheque payable to Environment Victoria Inc. 14293

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☐ Please add my name to your confidential "Woodchip Action Register"

## WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN DO



**$1000** Produce a new information kit aimed at countering timber industry propaganda, for wide distribution, including to schools.

**$80** Produce campaign displays for use at stalls, shopping centres and public meetings.

**$375** One return air fare to Canberra to meet and lobby the Prime Minister and other Ministers.

**$25** Produce extra slides to illustrate leaflets, booklets and campaigners' talks.

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