

ONLINE SUBMISSION DETAILS

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How do you think we should improve the FFG Act?	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>[REDACTED]. I am a postgraduate law student, currently studying at the [REDACTED]. I will be an environmental lawyer at the end of my studies. I grew up [REDACTED] in the Dandenong Ranges, very near to where the Leadbeater's Possum is currently being driven to extinction. I grew up with the victory over the Franklin Dam in Tasmania, but was horrified during my first degree, to discover that Goolengook, a Victorian rainforest, was on the brink of being logged, and that logging of old growth forest was still continuing.</p> <p>And today the horror continues.</p> <p>Whilst living in Gippsland [REDACTED] I spent \$10,000 of my own money understanding seed production areas and realising how impossible it really is to restore an ecosystem back to its original state. At the same time I witnessed first hand the after-effects of recent old growth logging in areas of Brown Mountain in Far East Gippsland.</p> <p>I attended the ensuing Brown Mountain Court case (Environment East Gippsland v VicForests [2010] VSC 416).</p> <p>I am witness to the devastation, and the multitude of reasons why the FFGA must be strengthened. I am also aware of the science that proves carbon sequestration and other air, water and environmental purification systems that humans rely on for survival.</p> <p>I wholly support the points listed in the briefing paper that EJA has presented, as being critically important to avoid the collapse of major ecosystems in our state. I would also emphasise that an important way to further protect these ecosystems is the creation of a Great Forest National Park, and the immediate end of all old growth logging, and all logging in National parks and state forests.</p> <p>there are many other things that can be done, such as one-way purchase of land back to the parks, or removal of compulsory acquisition provisions on related acts that permit government agencies from acquiring commonwealth land for projects such as logging. Also 'quota' burning, and deliberately not listing harmful species such as deer in order to placate the hunting lobby is still allowed under the current Act.</p> <p>I look forward to a new and more effective FFGA with which to work when I am qualified.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>