

EMAIL MESSAGE TO THE PRIME MINISTER

"As unsustainable logging has now resumed in two of the three remaining compartments of Bermagui State Forest I have emailed Ministers Garrett, Ferguson and Burke asking for a reconsideration of your Government's position on logging SE NSW, for the Commonwealth to act on its responsibilities for ecologically sustainable development as a signatory to the Eden Regional Forest Agreement, and insist that the NSW Government cease unsustainable and destructive logging of Bermagui forest, the northern gateway to the township, and to the Commonwealth declared 'Coastal Wilderness'. I urge your Government to stop giving primacy to timber supply over other activities that are vital to the future of Bermagui. In particular the logging is closing off future tourism opportunities for many, many decades to come by destroying the natural environment that attracts tourists in the first place.

The issues I have raised with the Ministers are also relevant to the Commonwealth's review of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act and the reviews under way of the Regional Forest Agreements."

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