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Beyond belief

RECENTLY, the radio carbon dating of a 10-metre diameter, freshly cut tree stump in East Gippsland showed it to be almost 600 years old.

Last week's story of the Brumby Government selling off these ancient forests for as little as \$2.50 a tonne compounds the crime into enormous proportions.

In 2009, we are still watching while the Government destroys ancient forests that were young in the days of Joan of Ark. These are immense carbon stores that we need right now, not in another 600 years. Economically and environmentally, this is an appalling act. So much for the claim of sustainability.

The rain follows the trees Mr Brumby, as sure as public revolt follows the clearfelling of our public forests.

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