

LETTER TO THE EDITOR EDEN MAGNET. WILDFIRES AND LOGGING. 11.2019

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Sir,

Ah, the sweet stench of sophistry... Your correspondents (5 December) seem to imply that if people have green credentials, they would not be fighting bush fires or helping to save wildlife up north. Wrong – I know a few who are doing exactly that right now, so let's not assume a false binary.

Then there's the old saw (pun unintended) that by drastically cutting down forests we will be saved from wildfires. What I have seen in the Bodalla State Forest behind us seems to indicate the contrary. In fact, we are at greater risk now since Forestry Corporation undertook logging there a few months ago.

Large dump piles of cut down trees and leaf and branch litter have been left strewn on the ground, a tinder invitation which would explode into an uncontrollable conflagration at the smallest spark.

I suspect there won't be much wildlife left to rescue as tree hollows, wombat burrows, and other wildlife shelters are gone. Indeed, we no longer hear birdsong erupting from the forest now that the trees bearing their nests have been felled.

I hope that in the event of fires breaking out here (Heaven forbid!), we'll have people from the forest industry helping us.

Yours faithfully

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