



*'Forest Management' submission on Green Paper:  
Emissions Reduction Fund 'buy-backs'*

Thank you for this opportunity to make a late one-page submission, 7 days after 21-Feb-14. We begin with feedback from our event 22-Feb-14, then revert to comments on the ERF Green Paper.

1. We are responding after our **3<sup>rd</sup> Australian Forests & Climate Action Forum at ANU 22-Feb-14**, as agreed. 110 attendees supported the Environment Minister's respect for and acceptance of science, and wanting to "recognise low-cost, effective abatement opportunities".

Speakers at the Australian National University 22-Feb-14 addressed the following key subjects:

- **More Heatwaves – latest on dangerous +2 to 4°C Climate Change**  
Professor Janette Lindesay (ANU, Fenner School & Climate Change Institute)
- **Catastrophic Bushfire\* – and Forests' Role within the Land Sector**  
Dr Chris Taylor (Melbourne University) *\*joint-peer-reviewed-paper draft findings*
- **Wildlife Species under Threat in 'Forest Landscape Traps'**  
Professor David Lindenmayer (ANU, Fenner School - via Video Presentation)
- **Global Climate Change Policy to Protect & Restore Natural Forests**  
Professor Brendan Mackey (former ANU Fenner School, now Griffith University)
- **Managing Forests for Carbon Storage**  
Dr Heather Keith (ANU, Fenner School of Environment & Society)
- **Logging or Forest Carbon Credits?**  
Dr Frances Perkins (former ANU and Senior Treasury Economist)
- **Forests & Direct Action**  
Associate Professor Andrew Macintosh (ANU, and newly appointed Chair of the Australian Government's CFI Domestic Offsets Integrity Committee (DOIC)).

*Media generated before and after the event at the ANU 22-Feb-14:*

- a) Read attack on ANU by Senator Colbeck 21-Feb [ABC Radio National Breakfast program\\*\\*](#)
- b) \*\* Listen to [ANU Dr.Heather Keith & Dr.Frances Perkins on 'Logging versus Carbon Credits'](#)  
\*\* [www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/breakfast/forests-more-valuable-for-carbon-ex-treasury-official/5274300](http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/breakfast/forests-more-valuable-for-carbon-ex-treasury-official/5274300)
- c) View videos of [ANU Professor David Lindenmayer in Victoria](#) and [presentation 22-Feb-14](#)
- d) [Dr.Chris Taylor on Catastrophic Forest Fire; and up to 50% Pollution from State Forests\\*\\*\\*](#)  
\*\*\* [www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/young-forests-threatened-by-fires-logging-20140222-3399b.html](http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/young-forests-threatened-by-fires-logging-20140222-3399b.html)

*References: 2013 State-of-the-Forests Report 'Plantations supply 90% Australia's wood products'.  
IPPC Assessment Report No.5 - Draft sections on 'Natural Systems' and 'Forestry' (Feb'2014).  
IPPC Kyoto2 'Forest Management Guidelines' 2014-2020 (February 2014).*

## **2. General comments on the ERF Green Paper**

- Protecting **State Forests** (public native forests) would provide large volumes of low cost abatement. That could be delivered inside the reverse auction scheme, or outside it through direct re-negotiation of pre-carbon 1990s Regional Forest Agreements (RFAs) with relevant state governments.
- Regional NRM Organisations in these same carbon-dense RFA Regions should evolve into CFI 'Aggregators' servicing private landholders in partnership with land-carbon traders.

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