The most effective means we have to combat climate change is in leaving our established forests to thrive. If this were the only reason to leave them there, it would be enough. But there are so many more. Habitat for threatened species, protection of water catchments, and simply because they are beautiful, natural areas and deserve to exist in their own right.

Destroying the forests has not led to a successful timber industry, which constantly breaches the conditions of its license. Why continue? It's beyond sense.

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