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Dear Mrs Parker,

The changes proposed in the your Government's discussion paper on the remake of the Coastal Integrated Forestry Operation Approvals are a great cause for concern. They'll result in a substantial reduction in environmental protection and pose a serious threat to the native forests and wildlife of our state..

Current timber supply commitments are known to be unsustainable. If you fail to address this issue there will be severe impacts on biological diversity and forest health. The government's stated commitment to maintaining timber supply from our public native forests at current levels is incompatible with the long term protection of their environmental values.

Widespread clear felling of our native forests will result if limits on logging intensity are lifted. If the requirement to conduct pre-logging surveys for threatened species and habitat features is removed, those species will be under much higher risk.

Increased soil erosion and water pollution, weed invasion and wildlife corridor destruction will result if the longstanding prohibition on logging on steeply sloping land is removed. Nor are important threats to forest health, including invasive weeds and forest dieback are not addressed in the paper.

Given the appalling history of the Tasmanian logging industry, it is inconceivable that the Government is seeking advice from the Tasmanian Forest Practices Authority.

The proposed changes are totally untenable. The NSW Government must abandon this appalling plan to weaken protection for our native forests and wildlife. Once destroyed, our forests and their inhabitants are irreplaceable. I implore the Government to think of the future rather than short-term gain.

Please bear in mind that you are the Minister for the Environment, not the Minister **against** the Environment.

Yours sincerely,
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