

# Forest management

Where is the balance in environmental journalism today?

Rosslyn Beeby ignored the truth about forest types and Australia's sustainable forest management in her front-page article that reported on the Federal Court's decision upholding the legality of forest management in Wielangta forest ("Garrett facing his first forest fire", December 1, p1).

Instead Beeby garnished Greens leader Bob Brown's call for the federal Environment Minister to intervene.

*Canberra Times* readers were told that Wielangta forest is an old-growth rainforest. This is not true.

Then we were led to believe that forest management in Australia could embarrass our Government at the climate change conference in Bali.

Again there is no basis for this statement aside from Brown's lay-person views on forests.

The Australian Government can proudly showcase sustainable forest management at Bali.

If more governments in the Asia-Pacific region were able to enforce sustainable forest management, as our Government does, the Bali conference could reach a long way towards its objective to reduce greenhouse emissions from forest clearing.

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