

The Institute of Foresters of Australia

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The Chairman
Conservation Commission of WA
Australia II Drive
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16th April 2009

Dear Sir,

Conservation Commission and forest management taskforce membership

Further to your media release on 20th March 2009 the Institute of Foresters of Australia seeks increased recognition and greater input into the Conservation Commission's considerations of forest management.

The IFA members have extensive professional experience in management of forests in Western Australia including the challenges in balancing the competing demands of multiple forest uses, protection and conservation requirements. Of course, many senior staff in the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Forest Products Commission are members of the IFA.

We are hopeful that you will respect membership of the IFA as a worthy qualification when considering the appointment of new Commissioners.

In your letter dated 26th May 2008 you gave an assurance that "the input from a range of stakeholders would be sought who hold a variety of views on the FMP [would] be sought in finalizing the Commissions report to the EPA." This gave the IFA an expectation of consultation and we were very disappointed that our views were not sought.

We would appreciate your recommendation to the Government, the appointment of IFA members with experience in the northern jarrah forests and another member with experience in the southern karri forests to the proposed taskforce on forest management under a changing climate.

Yours sincerely

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