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Dear Sir

The Environmental Protection Authority foreshadowed a smaller harvest of sawlogs to be mandated in the next Forest Management Plan, because a drying climate will reduce the harvest volume that can be sustained by growth.

What a contrast from papers presented by CSIRO, Murdoch University and Water Corporation researchers at a recent Wungong Project Research Forum. They confirmed that too many trees and the drying climate in the northern jarrah forest catchments have resulted in lower water yields and the decline in biodiversity of flora and fauna. Solution – remove more trees not less!

We should be relying on informed professional forest management. Our forests and the bounty of products and social benefits they provide are too valuable to manage by emotion alone.

Yours sincerely

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