



Logging snubs UNESCO – Letter to The Age (11/12/07)

To the Editor,

The article by Andrew Darby (Logging snubs UNESCO, The Age 11/12/2007) is outrageous in misrepresentation of the facts. No mention was made that the Wilderness world heritage area was declared with the buffers included within the boundary so the core UNESCO values could be protected. Sustainable forest management practices including logging and regeneration are perfectly legitimate activities outside the boundary of the area.

The Institute of Foresters of Australia is concerned that one of its members gave detailed explanations about the forestry operation in question, but your correspondent chose to ignore this professional and informed dialogue in favour of populist and uninformed opinion of a Greens politician. The fact is the area is to be logged for high quality timber and then regenerated with seed collected from the trees on site.

IFA encourages informed public debate about forest management. This type of biased reporting does not inform the debate and does your newspaper no credit.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Peter Volker'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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