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It is my wish to address concerns I have in relation to the recent proposal to delist the forest area pertaining to The Tas. World Heritage Site.

I am very saddened by the recent proposal to alter the the boundaries of the Tas Wilderness World Heritage Area. The boundaries of which have already been agreed upon and established since, 2010- 2013

Having secured this precious natural resource, it should not be subject to the whim of any Federal or State Govt that happens to come into power. These have been positive steps forward. I have studied the areas in question having looked at the [www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/tasmanian-wilderness](http://www.environment.gov.au/heritage/places/world/tasmanian-wilderness).

The status of this world recognized, magnificent area, should not be put at risk for questionable economic gains.

The state of Tasmania has boundless other ways to employ people and attract business. It is clearly a fantastic 'food bowl' for not only Australia, but the Asian region.

Why do Govts. of any status or persuasion, not investigate the GROWING OF....hemp and bamboo, universally acknowledged as two of the most versatile crops known to us ??  
? We should not be supporting anything that is DESTRUCTIVE. The Eco tourism industry is popular precisely, for the very fact that we have these amazing Natural Heritage sites. Support businesses that bring the people to this magnificent part of the world...

Logging is not the long term answer to economic security. We need decisions that have a LONG TERM vision associated to them.

Just because an action has been done for a couple of hundred years, does not make it ok to continue. For goodness sake, in just 250 years, we wreaked havoc on the environment, and just when we have acknowledged the need to protect it as much as possible, there is a proposal that we take a step backwards. Come on people we are brighter than this....!

We are being educated constantly, through environmental science and understand more thoroughly, the implications of any actions taken to degrade the natural environment. Biologically, there are still things we haven't even discovered in there..! This blind insistence that logging and deforestation is an answer to anything long term seems ridiculous.

We need leaders who are prepared to see beyond election dates, who are creative, understanding and sensitive to the need to protect our natural environment. IT'S WHAT KEEPS US ALIVE...!!!

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