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Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committees on Rural  
and Regional Affairs and Transport.

I am against destroying any World Heritage Areas by unsustainable practices. I am particularly against Abbott government delisting of forest areas within the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

These are highly susceptible times.

1. We have rapid climate change promoting huge wildfires, recurrent drought and floodin, rising sea levels and more destructive winds and wild weather.
2. TPP multinational companies are hoping to destroy our democratic parliamentary system and domestic laws protecting Australian health, welfare, employment opportunities and environmental integrity.
3. Conservative governments are forcing laissez-faire economics onto societies/communities comfortable with Keynesian mixed economy practices and cutting red and green tape to encourage foreign corporations and governments to destroy our unique Country.
4. Autocratic behaviour bordering on fascism is creating suspicion, self-loathing and hatred for 'Others' not toeing ultraconservative lines. This is a very dangerous situation mirroring the 1950s MacCarthy witchhunts.

I would like our political leaders to represent a far more positive and truly progressive image to the world than is currently being represented. I am proud of my creative and positive community service background that encourages peaceful co-existence of all peoples with their environment. Ultraconservatism promotes secret trade agreements and inquisitions of ordinary Australians. Those of us who value the Australian social and natural environment and spend our time and energies on protecting rights of all living things to exist with dignity are being treated as criminals.

While Abbott delisting of Tasmanian Heritage is being broached now, it is a forerunner of things to come - if you let it be. I would like you to carefully consider the wider implications of these proposed changes to our international image and vote against the delisting of forest areas within the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

Respectfully,

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