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To: [Committee, EC \(SEN\)](#)
Subject: Submission to inquiry regarding the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to provide a submission for the inquiry into the delisting of some areas of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area as proposed by the Federal Government. I have a number of concerns relating to this one of which is that the world heritage values of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area minor boundary extension was passed by the World Heritage Committee in June 2013 and for our government to now question this decision or ask the Committee to reverse it makes us as a country look ridiculous and devalues their considered decision.

The decision to progress this minor expansion came out of an extremely delicate negotiation to end the conflict in Tasmania's forests and work towards developing a sustainable forestry industry for Tasmania, something I am supportive of. Negotiations to transition this industry took a great deal of time and effort and anything which may result in the de-stabilizing of this agreement concerns me greatly.

I am also not entirely sure why the Department of the Environment and the Prime Minister and other ministers' offices, decided to pursue the de-listing of the 74,000 hectares to allow logging when numerous companies have stated that they would not use this timber in their operations as it may affect their future Forest Stewardship status. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my concerns to this inquiry.

Kind regards

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