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Senator Janet Rice
Chair, Senate Standing Committee on
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Dear Senator Rice,

Senate Inquiry - Australia's Faunal Extinction Crisis

On Thursday, 23 November 2018, VicForests gave evidence before the Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications.

During our submission, VicForests agreed to provide, on notice, information relating to our harvest levels in the Central Highlands and contribution to research at the University of Melbourne.

Question: What is the level of funding VicForests contributes to University of Melbourne research into threatened species and forest areas?

Answer: **VicForests agreed to contribute \$75,000 over 3 years to the University of Melbourne.**

Question: How much does VicForests harvest in the Central Highlands region?

Answer: **In 2017/18, VicForests harvested 893,000 cubic metres from the Central Highlands. The Central Highlands region includes the Central, Dandenong and Central Gippsland Forest Management Areas (FMAs).**

Should you wish to discuss these matters further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 03 9608 9500.

Kind regards,

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