

**ADDITION TO SUBMISSION BY DR KEN ELDRIDGE TO SENATE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT COMMUNICATIONS  
AND THE ARTS**

To be added at the start of his Submission:

My principal concern is that a large area of beautiful and biologically diverse tall forest ('woodland') has been destroyed to establish a plantation of *Acacia mangium* ( a promising plantation species at an early stage of domestication and adaptation to the needs of industrial forestry production). I regard this plantation as a speculative investment because there is not enough experience of growing that species on that particular type of site for the grower to confidently predict a profitable outcome.

It is a shame to destroy such a fine forest for a project of uncertain outcome.

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