

SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION TO THE SENATE INQUIRY ON

The ILLEGAL LOGGING PROHIBITION BILL 2011

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“DEFINITION OF “ILLEGALLY LOGGED”

As per our main submission, we propose that this be amended to: *“harvested in contravention of Forest-related National and Sub-national laws in force in the place (whether or not in Australia) where the timber was harvested”*. We wish to provide more information on this matter:

a. “Forest” Laws

The intent of the Bill is to improve *forest* governance, this should be explicitly reflected in the definition. This will significantly reduce business compliance costs whilst still maintaining regulatory effectiveness. Anything that unnecessarily adds significant costs and barriers to imports of legal timber and wood products, without increasing regulatory effectiveness, is extremely undesirable and could be regarded as acting as a trade barrier, especially when lower cost (but equally effective) “pathways” are available.

Also, throughout the illegal logging process the Government has promoted the goal of their policy and future law as being about improving forest governance: “reducing forest degradation, protecting habitat and biodiversity, protecting sustainable livelihoods, reducing global carbon emissions and ensuring government revenue” (<http://www.daff.gov.au/forestry/international/illegal-logging>, <http://www.daff.gov.au/forestry/international/illegal-logging/background> and the original Jaakko Poyry Report http://www.daff.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0004/785065/illegal_logging_report.pdf)

The broad definition of “illegally logged” as in the Bill (*“harvested in contravention of laws in force in the place [whether or not in Australia] where the timber was harvested”*) does not reflect the specific goal of improved *forest* governance and laws. Rather, it could be about *any* laws. In this way it exposes businesses to great uncertainty and massive potential compliance burdens of not just having to ensure compliance to forest laws, but also to a far larger number of *non-forest* laws such as human rights, OHS, trade, customs laws, competition, tax, employment, export and criminal laws.

Of course it would be good if compliance to such non-forest laws could be increased, but Australian importers, and especially small businesses, should not and cannot be expected to operate as some kind of proxy human-rights and general legal compliance watch-dog in overseas countries.

We have done case studies for two countries of harvest (Germany and the US) to illustrate this compliance cost problem that would be created by the current broad and loose definition of “illegally logged” (see Attachment 1). We have only chosen National and EU Acts and Regulations, not State or Municipal laws, nor forest codes, because of the short notice of the inquiry and resultant lack of time.

Germany – From the sources and data available we estimate that there are twelve German Federal Acts/Regulations, plus four EU Acts/Regulations that specifically relate to *Forest* Governance. If importers have to ensure compliance to *non-forest* laws, this increases to sixty-three Federal plus thirty-three EU Acts/Regulations (total = ninety-six laws). Making the reasonable assumption that compliance costs are, to some degree, proportional to the number of laws, if importers have to ensure compliance to ninety-six laws, this would cost far more than just ensuring compliance to sixteen *forest related* laws.

United States - We estimate that there are twelve US Federal Acts that specifically relate to *Forest* governance. If importers have to ensure compliance to *non-forest* laws then the number of laws increases to thirty eight, with resultant significant increases in compliance costs.

b. “National and Sub-national” laws

Clarification - By this we also include nationally enacted (in the country of harvest) international treaties and conventions, but not non-enacted treaties, or those international treaties which the country of harvest is not a signatory to.

Support for National Sovereignty

One of the best ways that Australia can reduce illegal logging is by supporting national sovereignty in the countries of harvest; that is, doing all that we can do to support the Governments in these countries in formulating, passing and enforcing their own forest laws. Australia should *not* act in a way that diminishes Government authority or responsibility, such as by “imposing” non-enacted international treaties or conventions.

International Treaties and Conventions

There is a large set of international treaties and conventions that importers need to be aware of, and to ensure compliance to. Attachment 2 shows our estimate - five International Treaties and Conventions likely to be specifically applicable to *forest* harvest and management, but if *non-forest* international treaties are applied, this brings the total to forty-seven Treaties/Conventions. This would significantly increase compliance costs. It is also an unnecessary duplication, because National (plus State) laws cover forest governance quite adequately.

Non-enacted tribal, customary, religious and archaic laws

If compliance to these laws is required this would drive costs and uncertainty even higher.

c. Total Number of Laws to ensure Compliance to

(i) The Illegal Logging Bill seems to assume that importers are aware of, and understand, all the foreign laws that have to be complied with. This is not possible because of the sheer number of likely laws, as the following illustration shows:

- One importer may source from say five countries.
- Using the average of the US and Germany, assume each country has 67 National laws (Attachment 1).
- Add to this an equivalent number of State/Province laws (as an estimate) = 67
- Plus international treaties = 47 (Attachment 2)
- TOTAL = 181 laws
- Multiply by 5 countries = 905 laws.

This excludes forest codes and municipal/local laws, so it is not unreasonable to assume that this “average” importer would have to be aware of and understand about 1,000 foreign laws, regulations and codes, and ensure compliance to these.

(ii) If importers only have to ensure compliance to *Forest-related National* and *Sub-National* laws then this compliance burden is far less:

- Using the average of the US and Germany, assume each country has 14 *Forest-related* laws.
- Add to this an equivalent number of State/Province laws = 14
- TOTAL = 28 laws, multiply by 5 countries = 70 laws.

Add in forest codes and municipal/local laws and it would be reasonable to assume that in this case there would only be 100 foreign laws to ensure compliance with - one order of magnitude less than the case in (i). This illustrates why a tight definition of Illegal Logging just about *Forest* laws and only *National* and *Sub-national* laws, is crucial in keeping down compliance costs and ensuring business affordability.

COST-BENEFIT CALCULATIONS

Benefits

In their Regulation Impact Statement the Australian Government presented the CIE estimate that the world-wide social and environmental benefits of stopping illegal logging would be around US\$101.3 billion p.a. (page 14). The RIS estimated that Australia's "share" of the worldwide illegal logging problem as 0.034% (page 7). That would correspond to a benefit to Australia of around 0.034% of US\$101.3 billion = AUD\$34 million p.a.

Costs

Recent work from DAFF has found that there are around 10,000 "repeat" regular "business importers" of timber and timber products (as identified by HS customs codes). If the total compliance cost for each business is an average of AUD\$20,000 per annum, this would mean that the "national compliance cost" would be 10,000 businesses x AUD\$20,000 per business = AUD\$200 million p.a.

AUD\$20,000 p.a. per importer is not an unreasonable estimate of compliance costs given that *legality audits alone* could cost \$5,000 to tens of thousands of dollars per annum (see page 5 of our main Submission

<https://senate.aph.gov.au/submissions/committees/viewdocument.aspx?id=75aabc7c-6712-430a-871f-cf8762746c41>.) To this has to be added reporting, declaration, research, risk-assessment, Due-Diligence, information systems, training, risk-mitigation and likely re-sourcing costs.

Many complex and composite wood-based products have not been "picked up" by the HS Codes, so it is likely that the total number of wood-based product importers "to be regulated" could actually be more like twice this number, that is, 20,000 businesses, bringing total national compliance costs to AUD\$400 million p.a. Even if no products were "regulated", but all importers were just subject to the Prohibition Requirement, common sense "Due care" to eliminate illegal timber in one's imports would still cost a significant amount per business.

Benefit:cost ratio

The conservative estimate of cost (AUD\$200 million p.a.) and benefit of AUD\$34 million p.a. gives a benefit : cost ratio of 0.17 : 1 (34:200). This negative result is vastly different to the CIE positive estimate of benefit : cost being 1.2 : 1, because none of their cost estimates took into account the actual number of businesses and estimates of compliance costs per business. Even if our estimate of average compliance cost per business is too high, and costs are more like \$10,000 per business per annum, this would still result in costs being three times greater than benefits.

CONCLUSION

Clearly, cost:benefit estimates of around 3:1 to 6:1 mean that active steps need to be taken to amend the Bill and design the regulations for least-possible business compliance costs, whilst still maintaining regulatory effectiveness. We recommend to the Committee that they seriously consider all of our Alliance's amendments (as proposed in our main submission) as the best way to move towards a more favourable cost:benefit ratio and create greater business certainty:

1. Definition of illegally logged to be "harvested in contravention of *forest-related National and Sub-national* laws in force in the place (whether or not in Australia) where the timber was harvested"
2. A review of the business affordability and achievability of the Regulations, to occur one year after the Regulations come into force, with this requirement to be written into the bill.
3. Delete major part of Section 14 (5). Also, that the "laws" referred to in this section are explicitly stated to be only *forest-related National and Sub-national laws*, to prevent this Due Diligence Section from being interpreted as requiring compliance to *other* laws.
4. To give businesses time to comply with the Prohibition requirement in the most cost effective way, the Prohibition requirement to come into force at least twelve months after the bill receives Royal Assent.
5. The Prohibition Fault element to be changed from the "default" of "knowingly, intentionally or recklessly", to be explicitly stated as "knowingly or intentionally".

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| ATTACHMENT 1 | |
| German Federal Acts and Regulations | http://www.cgerli.org/index.php?id=95 |
| <i>In cases of amendments, the earlier law is not listed, only the most recent amended law</i> | |
| FOREST LAWS - Laws that <i>specifically</i> relate to <u>forest management</u> , harvest and governance (eg conservation, wildlife, biodiversity, sustainability, water quality, soil conservation) | GENERAL LAWS - eg human rights, employment, OHS, competition, tax, export and trade laws |
| 12 LAWS | 63 LAWS |
| Conservation of Species Regulation | Act against Restraints of Competition |
| Environmental Damage Act | Act on Long-Term Care Leave |
| Environmental Impact Assessment Act | Act on the Federal Audit Office |
| Environmental Information Act | Animal Welfare Act |
| Environmental Liability Act | Chemicals Act |
| Federal Nature Conservation Act | Civil Code - First, Second and Third Book |
| Federal Soil Protection Act | Civil Code - Fourth and Fifth Book |
| Federal Soil Protection and Contaminated Sites Regulation | Code of Crimes against International Law |
| Fertilisation Act | Commercial Code - Fourth Book Chapters 4 - 6 |
| Plant Protection Act | Commercial Wastes Regulation |
| Plant Variety Protection Act | Conservation of Species Regulation |
| Regulation on Plant Protection Products | Construction Code |
| | Construction Sites Regulation |
| | Criminal Code (#1) |
| | Criminal Code (#2) |
| | Environmental Appeals Act |
| | Environmental Damage Act |
| | Environmental Impact Assessment Act |
| | Environmental Information Act |
| | Environmental Liability Act |
| | Equipment and Product Safety Act |
| | Extension of Industrial Property Rights Act |
| | Federal Nature Conservation Act |
| | Federal Soil Protection Act |
| | Federal Soil Protection and Contaminated Sites Regulation |
| | Fertilisation Act |
| | Foreign Trade and Payments Act |
| | Foreign Trade and Payments Regulation |
| | Generation of Electricity from Biomass Regulation |
| | Hazardous Substances Regulation |
| | Hours of Work Act |
| | Industrial Safety and Health Regulation |
| | Insolvency Act |
| | Liability Act |
| | Major Accidents Regulation |
| | Maternity Protection Act |
| | Money Laundering Act |
| | Occupational Safety and Health Act |
| | Packaging Regulation |
| | Plant Protection Act |
| | Plant Variety Protection Act |
| | Preventive Flood Control Act |
| | Product Liability Act |
| | Regional Planning Act |
| | Regulation on Plant Protection Products |
| | Road Traffic Act |
| | Road Traffic Regulation |
| | Unfair Competition Act |
| | Use of Personal Protection Equipment at Work Regulation |
| | Used Batteries and Accumulators Regulation |
| | Vocational Training Act |
| | Vocational Training Promotion Act |
| | Waste Incineration and Co-Incineration Regulation |
| | Waste Management Concepts and Waste Balance Sheets Regulation |
| | Waste Oil Regulation |
| | Waste Recovery and Disposal Records Regulation |
| | Waste Transport Licences Regulation |
| | Waste Water Charges Act |
| | Waste Water Regulation |
| | Waste Wood Management Regulation |
| | Water Management Act (#1) |
| | Water Management Act (#2) |
| | Young Persons Protection Act |

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| <p>EU Acts and Regulations</p> <p><i>In cases of amendments, the earlier law is not listed, only the most recent amended law</i></p> <p>FOREST LAWS - Laws that specifically relate to forest management, harvest and governance (eg conservation, wildlife, biodiversity, sustainability, water quality, soil conservation)</p> <p>4 LAWS</p> <p>31999R1545 - Commission Regulation (EC) No 1545/1999 of 14 July 1999 amending Regulation (EC) No 1091/94 laying down certain detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3528/86 on the protection of forests against atmospheric pollution</p> <p>32004R2121 - Commission Regulation (EC) No 2121/2004 of 13 December 2004 amending Regulation (EC) No 1727/1999 laying down certain detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2158/92 on protection of the Community's forests against fire.....</p> <p>32006R1737 - Commission Regulation (EC) No 1737/2006 of 7 November 2006 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Regulation (EC) No 2152/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning monitoring of forests and environmental interactions in the Community</p> <p>32010R0995 - Regulation (EU) No 995/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 October 2010 laying down the obligations of operators who place timber and timber products on the market Text with EEA relevance</p> | <p>http://eur-lex.europa.eu/SuiteLegislation.do?T1=V100&T2=V1&T3=V4&RechType=RECH_legislation&Submit=Search</p> |
| | <p>GENERAL LAWS - eg human rights, employment, OHS, competition, tax, export and trade laws</p> <p>33 LAWS</p> <p>31974R2988 - Regulation (EEC) No 2988/74 of the Council of 26 November 1974 concerning limitation periods in proceedings and the enforcement of sanctions under the rules of the European Economic Community relating to transport and competition</p> <p>32000R1916 - Commission Regulation (EC) No 1916/2000 of 8 September 2000 on implementing Council Regulation (EC) No 530/1999 concerning structural statistics on earnings and on labour costs as regards the definition and transmission of information on structure of earnings</p> <p>32003L0088 - Directive 2003/88/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 November 2003 concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time</p> <p>32003R0001 - Council Regulation (EC) No 1/2003 of 16 December 2002 on the implementation of the rules on competition laid down in Articles 81 and 82 of the Treaty</p> <p>32003R0450 - Regulation (EC) No 450/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 February 2003 concerning the labour cost index</p> <p>32003R1216 - Commission Regulation (EC) No 1216/2003 of 7 July 2003 implementing Regulation (EC) No 450/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning the labour cost index</p> <p>32005R1737 - Commission Regulation (EC) No 1737/2005 of 21 October 2005 amending Regulation (EC) No 1726/1999 as regards the definition and transmission of information on labour costs</p> <p>32005R1738 - Commission Regulation (EC) No 1738/2005 of 21 October 2005 amending Regulation (EC) No 1916/2000 as regards the definition and transmission of information on the structure of earnings</p> <p>32006R0341 - Commission Regulation (EC) No 341/2006 of 24 February 2006 adopting the specifications of the 2007 ad hoc module on accidents at work and work-related health problems.....</p> <p>32006R1184 - Council Regulation (EC) No 1184/2006 of 24 July 2006 applying certain rules of competition to the production of, and trade in, agricultural products</p> <p>32006R1907 - Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2006 concerning the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals (REACH).....</p> <p>32008R0340 - Commission Regulation (EC) No 340/2008 of 16 April 2008 on the fees and charges payable to the European Chemicals Agency.....</p> <p>32008R0440 - Council Regulation (EC) No 440/2008 of 30 May 2008 laying down test methods pursuant to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals</p> <p>32008R0622 - Commission Regulation (EC) No 622/2008 of 30 June 2008 amending Regulation (EC) No 773/2004, as regards the conduct of settlement procedures in cartel cases</p> <p>32008R0771 - Commission Regulation (EC) No 771/2008 of 1 August 2008 laying down the rules of organisation and procedure of the Board of Appeal of the European Chemicals Agency</p> <p>32008R1338 - Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 December 2008 on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work</p> <p>32009R1022 - Commission Regulation (EC) No 1022/2009 of 29 October 2009 amending Regulations (EC) No 1738/2005, (EC) No 698/2006 and (EC) No 377/2008 as regards the International Standard Classification of Occupations</p> <p>32010R0330 - Commission Regulation (EU) No 330/2010 of 20 April 2010 on the application of Article 101(3) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to categories of vertical agreements and concerted practices</p> <p>32011R0143 - Commission Regulation (EU) No 143/2011 of 17 February 2011 amending Annex XIV to Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation and Restriction of Chemicals.....</p> <p>32011R0328 - Commission Regulation (EU) No 328/2011 of 5 April 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work, as regards statistics on causes of death</p> <p>32011R0349 - Commission Regulation (EU) No 349/2011 of 11 April 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1338/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Community statistics on public health and health and safety at work.....</p> <p>32006R1184 - 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| 12 LAWS | 38 LAWS |
| Clean Water Act of 1972 | Civil Rights Act of 1964 |
| Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act of 1990 | Civil Rights Act of 1991 |
| Emergency Wetlands Resources Act | Clean Water Act of 1972 |
| Endangered Species Act of 1973 | Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act of 1990 |
| Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958, | Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973 |
| Forest Service Organic Act of 1897 | Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 |
| Lacey Act | Emergency Wetlands Resources Act |
| Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 | Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 |
| Multiple Use and Sustained Yield Act of 1960 | Employment Act of 1946 |
| National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 | Endangered Species Act of 1973 |
| North American Wetlands Conservation Act | Environmental Quality Improvement Act |
| Wild and Scenic Rivers Act | Fair Labor Standards Amendment of 1977 |
| | Fair Labor Standards Amendment of 1989 |
| | Federal Water Project Recreation Act |
| | Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958 |
| | Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1958 |
| | Individual Income Tax Act of 1944 |
| | Internal Revenue Code of 1954 |
| | Lacey Act |
| | Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 |
| | Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962 |
| | Many Revenue Acts |
| | Marine Mammal Protection Act |
| | Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 |
| | Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Workers Protection Act of 1986 |
| | National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 |
| | National Historic Preservation Act |
| | Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act |
| | Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 |
| | North American Wetlands Conservation Act |
| | Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 |
| | Rivers and Harbors Act of 1958 |
| | Safe Drinking Water Act |
| | Various Flood Control Acts |
| | Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1996 |
| | Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1965 |
| | Wild and Scenic Rivers Act |
| | Workforce Investment Act of 1998 |

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| ATTACHMENT 2 | |
| International Treaties/Protocols/Conventions | http://www.austlii.edu.au/catalog/2356.html |
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| 5 LAWS | 47 LAWS |
| Biodiversity - Convention on Biological Diversity (1992) | Abolition of Forced Labour Convention |
| Endangered Species - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora 1973 (CITES) | Biodiversity - Convention on Biological Diversity (1992) |
| Ramsar Convention - Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat 1971 | Convention concerning Employment Promotion and Protection against Unemployment |
| The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development 1992 | Convention concerning Forced or Compulsory Labour |
| UN Convention on Biological Diversity | Convention concerning Occupational Safety and Health Convention and the Working Environment |
| | Convention Concerning the Abolition of Forced Labour |
| | Convention concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour |
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| | Convention concerning the Promotion of Collective Bargaining |
| | Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms |
| | Convention on Civil Liability for Damage Resulting from Activities Dangerous to the Environment |
| | Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (1979) - UN/ECETreaties/Soft Law Agreements |
| | Convention on the Rights of the Child |
| | Cultural Property - Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property 1970 |
| | Cultural Property - UNIDROIT Convention on Stolen or Illegally Exported Cultural Objects 1995 |
| | Declaration on the Rights of Disabled Persons |
| | Declaration on the Rights of Mentally Retarded Persons |
| | Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious or Linguistic Minorities |
| | Disabled Persons |
| | Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention |
| | Draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples |
| | EIA Convention 1991 - Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context 1991 |
| | Endangered Species - Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora 1973 (CITES) |
| | Equal Remuneration Convention |
| | Freedom of Association |
| | International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families |
| | International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights |
| | International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights |
| | OECD - Ministerial Declaration on the Protection of Privacy on Global Networks |
| | Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women |
| | Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women |
| | Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights |
| | Prevention of Discrimination on the Basis of Race, Religion or Belief and Protection of Minorities |
| | Ramsar Convention - Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat 1971 |
| | Rules of Conduct - Extortion and Bribery in International Business Transactions (1999) |
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| | Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities |
| | Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief |
| | The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development 1992 |
| | UN Convention on Biological Diversity |
| | United Nations Convention against Corruption |
| | United Nations Convention against Corruption |
| | United Nations Declaration against Corruption and Bribery in International Commercial Transactions |
| | United Nations Declaration against Corruption and Bribery in International Commercial Transactions |
| | United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) |
| | United Nations Secretariat of the Convention to Combat Desertification |
| | Universal Declaration of Human Rights |
| | World Heritage Convention - Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage 1972 |