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Senator Rice asked:

How will climate change considerations be incorporated into the RFA process, in light of the fact that 4th Assessment of the IPCC (that managed forests generate the greatest mitigation benefit) has now been superseded and shown repeatedly to be false in Australian temperate eucalypt forests?

Answer:

Negotiations with Tasmanian and Victorian Governments on extending Regional Forest Agreements are underway. Negotiations are government-in-confidence.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources is the Australian Government lead for the process. The Department of the Environment and Energy works closely with Agriculture on the extension of RFAs to ensure environmental values are taken into account.