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**Senator Ruston asked:**

Senator RUSTON: Thank you. Can I just perhaps whizz back to the heritage listing again. What is your understanding of the ability for the specialist timber people to be able to operate within any of the jurisdictions that are covered—whether they be parks or whether they be wilderness heritage areas et cetera? My understanding is that they actually only take fallen trees; they do not actually cut them down. Is that correct?

Dr Dripps: Senator, we just have to find the right page of our notes. I have a recollection of reading something recently about the management planning process for specialty timbers, but I do not have the detail precisely at hand. It may be that we might be able to see if we can find that while we are here and get back to you a little later in the session.

**Answer:**

Day to day management of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, including access to resources, is the responsibility of the Tasmanian Government.

The primary document that guides the management of the property is the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Management Plan (1999).

Salvage of driftwood Huon pine is permitted under the plan from selected parts of Macquarie Harbour (excluding Sarah and Grommet Islands and the Gordon River and its banks) by commercial licence and non-commercial permit. The collection of timber is generally not permitted in other areas.

The Tasmanian Government is developing a new management plan for the property. Access to speciality timbers may be considered during the development of the new plan.