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**Heather Butler MP**  
**Member for Lyons**

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**Stop Preventing Forest Workers Doing Their Jobs**

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Member for Lyons Heather Butler has called on protestors to stop preventing forestry workers doing their legal jobs.

“It is the right of every worker to earn a living for their families without having to run the gauntlet of protestors,” Ms Butler said.

Ms Butler said the jobs of forestry workers were dangerous enough without them having to contend with the antics of protestors.”

“The disruptions we are seeing in the Florentine Valley make working conditions unsafe and are threatening the livelihoods of workers.”

Ms Butler said forest workers should be allowed to go about their lawful business unimpeded by protestors.

“It is clear extreme anti forestry activists want to cause as much pain as they can with no regard for the impact of their actions on workers and their families.”

“Forest protestors should not be encouraged to break the law.”

Ms Butler said she had first hand experience of how some protestors operate after the tyres of her vehicle were spiked during a recent tour of the Styx Valley.

“Everyone has the right to protest but nobody should think they are above the law,” Ms Butler said.