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Dear Sir,

It was with some dismay I learned further production forests were to be locked up

For a state which is crying broke and has reached that sorry state I cannot understand why the government is contemplating locking up a valuable resource. With the greens sabotaging the market and the natural downturn of the industry the present situation is not good.

The trees are still growing and remain a valuable resource. The markets need to be worked on and the tree be regarded as an investment.

I have taken some time to visit the area on the other side of the channel and talk to those involved in the forest and associated industries. There is a general feeling of despondency amongst these people with disgust at the government having sold their souls to the greens to remain in power. Although this may be a little misguided nonetheless the feeling is prevalent in the area

The woodchip industry was a great asset to the forest operations as it gave a ready market for the "rubbish" timber, making it viable to clearfell and regenerate the forest rather than the dangerous selective logging which left over mature and useless trees and damaged young saplings in the logging area. It is a pity the old time bushmen did not have the market or the equipment to clearfell and regenerate.

Forestry Tas managed our forests well and it is a shame to see this expertise idle.

There is some areas of good timber logs locked up into parks perhaps these could be swapped for the less productive areas.

I am of third generation sawmiller/bushman which I feel is an honorable profession. It is with dismay I have watched the downgrading of the forest industry at the whim of the "enlightened".

Sincerely,

