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Dear Secretary,

I didn't realise that the deadline was so fast approaching.

According to the Tasmanian Forest Agreement Bill 2012 Fact Sheet, "the governments agree to work together to progressively transition the Tasmanian forest industry to a more sustainable footing whilst ensuring that Tasmania native forest with high conservation values is further protected by creation of reserves that expand the National Reserve System."

It is not possible, without human intervention, to conserve eucalyptus in the company of *Nothofagus cunninghamii* (myrtle beech) because it prevents regeneration of the eucalypts by excluding the sunlight.

According to Forestry Commission silviculturists when I was a Photo-interpretor (1955-58), what are now rain forests, were eucalypt forests 500 years ago. Pockets of eucalypts within rain forests are remnants from the past.

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