

From [REDACTED] – a resident in Gippsland:

1. Clear falling – too much in East Gippsland. It is effecting the structure of our forests – all scrub now which reduces biodiversity and the long term value of our forests. Regeneration form clear falling is really thick and all the one age class so it doesn't get to grow and mature and has no habitat value for flora or fauna including bees.
  - a. Currently we have National Parks and State Forest managed differently by different Government identities. Years ago, National Parks and Forests were managed the same and by the same Government identity with a local office.
  - b. Regenerating (same age class) coupes effect our waterways and dry up the forest. Less water running into the catchments. Regeneration (scrub) in the gullies and waterways blocking it.
2. A concern that the whole environment does not have a sustainable future. Old Growth forests are logged even though locals are told they will not be logged. Eg. Coup adjacent to Tamboon Inlet.
3. Fuel reduction burning - unsuccessful – perfect weather conditions for a cool burn along the coast now but no burning occurring.