

I want the RFA being considered, to be CANCELLED.

Nearly ten years ago many of us in Geelong and further west in Victoria celebrated the cessation of logging in the Great Otway National Park and the Otway Forest Park. Now both the Federal and State Govt representatives responsible for the allocation of timber to the hardwood industry are aiming to renew the out of date and highly unsatisfactory Regional Forest Agreements. Why would it be necessary to have such a contract as there should be no logging in the Otway forests in the future? A public meeting was held in Forrest for the Dept to explain the process. A number of environment groups and Otway campaigners attended and were adamant that there must be no Regional Forest Agreement for the Otway Region. I strongly agree with this. Clearly Government must not proceed with this process and must keep faith with the long term protection of the marvellous environmental and tourism asset in the Otway Park systems. The diversity of wildlife and forest and heath ecosystems is legendry.

On Saturday June 29th in the Geelong Library 10am to 12oclock DELWP will hold an explanation of their process. This is an opportunity to tell government that the community does not want a Regional Forest Agreement that may well leave a 'crack in the door' to timber extraction in the future. I am unable to attend this meeting and wish this email to be my submission.

