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Regional Forest Agreements should not be renewed. A state of emergency exists and everything must be reviewed. Flora and Fauna species are rapidly becoming threatened and endangered and extinct. Logging must cease until everything is reviewed.

Instead, more national parks and protected reserves should be created and administered by the National Parks Act in Victoria. It has been shown that this has better outcomes for the state's economy, community employment and people's health. Please refer to the VNPA issues paper here

<https://vnpa.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/VNPA-Issues-Paper-Victorias-Regional-Forest-Agreement-June-2019.pdf>

In particular, all areas of Australia's precious Mountain Ash (*eucalyptus regnans*) should be protected, not logged. It would be a tragedy if the current government allowed this species to become extinct, as is likely if RFA's are renewed.

Timber industry needs should be re-assessed and all timber requirements provided by plantation timber.

Thank you, for the sake of our children and grandchildren.