

To Engage Victoria

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## Re: Modernisation of the Victorian Regional Forest Agreements

Lake Tyers Coast Action Inc. wishes to fully endorse the VNPA in its identification of the serious shortcomings and misleading statements in the “*The Independent Consultation Paper - Modernisation of the Victorian Regional Forest Agreement*”.

These are summarised as follows:

- The RFAs are not responsible for the bulk of Victoria’s reserve system
- The RFAs ignore key criteria in national agreed policy for formal protection
- The RFAs are a block to better protection and new national parks
- The RFAs ecological criteria are outdated and inconsistent
- The RFA review fails to recognise that there are still significant gaps in Victoria’s reserve system
- The RFAs ignore climate change implications
- The RFAs ignore bushfire impacts
- The RFAs ignore other forest values

We strongly urge you to take most seriously the case outlined by the VNPA in their issues paper, which they have submitted to you. We fully support the alternatives and future directions outlined in their detailed document.

Yours sincerely,

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