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I fully support an end to native forest logging and a future based on sustainable plantations. When logging old growth and native forest for an ephemeral moment of fiscal wealth creation we destroy so much that is of permanent natural and spiritual value, not to mention the social cost of depriving future generations of the wonder of our ancient species.

I had occasion recently to sing our National Anthem. There are the lines

“...Our land abounds in nature’s gifts

Of beauty rich and rare...”

It is a statement bound in the present. It is an acknowledgement of what we have, each day. Do we embrace it, for posterity’s sake, for the health of our soil, air, and water, for the sake of wonder, or do we one day say our land abounded, once, in nature’s gifts, it abounded once, in beauty rich and rare.

I, for one, want to be able to sing our national anthem with belief and pride

In history’s page, let every stage

Advance Australia fair...”

Please consider, we cannot keep going the way of the past. It won’t work for the future.