

Mrs Margy Dockray
110 Watchorn's Road,
Karoola,
7267
28/4/08

Adrian Calder
Tasmanian – North East
Plantation Manager
FEA

Dear Adrian,

I write to express my deep concern regarding the proposed plantation adjoining my property at Lilydale (coupe NE575).

I wish to be consulted during the formulation of the forest practices plan for the coupe, specifically with regard to the impacts on our high conservation value forest area adjacent to the said coupe, and any forest operations that may result from your intention to establish a nitens plantation. I have been advised by the Deputy Mayor that she has spoken with you and been given assurance that your company will not harvest any of the remnant native forest and vegetation which adjoins our property, or elsewhere on the farm. I would like this confirmed in writing should you proceed further with your plan to establish a plantation on the site. As for other management practices associated with plantations I ask FEA's intention regarding the use of 1080, burning, application of herbicides/ insecticides and other chemicals if intended to be used, should your proposal proceed.

As you are aware, our bush is host for two registered wedge tailed eagle nests, and I have been in discussion with Bill Brown (Threatened Species, DPIW) who has advised that Gunns Ltd have recently agreed to extend the limits imposed on their company beyond the recommended guidelines, so as to protect active nests from any forestry activity, within 1km line of site, for the duration of the breeding season. I therefore ask whether FEA is intending to follow Gunn's lead on this matter.

I also state my interest in preserving the cultural heritage of the whole area of Brown Mountain as I own the Walker Rhododendron Reserve at Lalla, which adjoins the property we own on Brown Mountain. This whole area has been an area of designated cultural, regional, historic and scenic significance for over three decades, and has been maintained by consecutive generations of the community as its custodians. My relatively recent ownership of the two properties and the plans I have for them, simply builds on the altruistic intentions of both the Woods, and Walker families.

Please be advised that my abovementioned desire to be consulted in your planning process does not in any way imply that I either support or accept FEA's plan to establish a plantation in the Lalla/Lilydale/Karoola valley, whether it be on Max Whiting's farm or

any other property. Any industrial plantation such as you are planning for this area is considered by myself (and many others) as entirely inappropriate, given the social, cultural and historical spirit of this district. It is simply an acknowledgement that under current legislation, those of us who stand to be negatively impacted by FEA's proposal have no legislated rights to resist.

Yours sincerely
Margy Dockray