

What you can do

Write letters to politicians

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Write letters to newspapers

The Age: letters@theage.com.au

The Herald Sun: hsletters@heraldsun.com.au

Bairnsdale Advertiser: editorial@eastvicmedia.com.au

Hold film nights and information stalls

Banner drops, billboards and stickers

Encourage celebrities to use their fame to draw attention to the issue

Contribute to forest blockades by sending supplies or being there your self

Arrange or attend protests outside government offices calling for immediate protection of these areas

Organise or attend a benefit gig or fund-raising event

The Goongerah Environment Centre has been operating since 1994 in the heart of East Gippsland. Run entirely by volunteers and with no government funding, it works to protect the last remaining old growth forest and water catchments in East Gippsland.

If you would like to contribute to the campaign, donations and volunteers are most welcome!

Donations can be made to:

Goongerah Environment Centre

Commonwealth BSB: 063731 Account:

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GECO volunteers are happy to show people the untouched forests of East Gippsland. Contact us for more details.



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East Gippsland under threat



Yalmy and Goongerah Forest

East Gippsland old growth forest

The forest of East Gippsland contains a range of different forest types including warm and cool temperate cross over rainforest and mixed cool temperate rainforest which contains ancient woodland Eucalypts. The wet sclerophyll forest with towering eucalypts and an understory of tree ferns makes up the majority of old-growth forest left on mainland Australia and now has become a rare forest type.



Victoria's endangered Plants and Animals are found in East Gippsland including the Powerful Owl, The Long Footed Potoroo and The Spot-Tail Quoll. Spe-

cies of plant and animals were still being discovered in the last twenty years and many of the fungi and insects of the forest are yet to be known.

East Gippsland survived the last ice age.....



Tributary to the Yalmy River

Goongerah forest is the domestic water catchment for the community of Goongerah. In the next three years there is more than 700 ha scheduled to be logged in this catchment. This makes up at least 10 percent of the catchment and is likely to lead to a drop in water quantity of up to 50 percent. The vast majority of the community does not support this and have written letters, signed petitions and met with government officials over this issue.



massive tree fern in the yalmy valley



The forests of Yalmy Road

Goongerah and Yalmy are two forest areas along Yalmy Road, which forms the border of the Snowy River National Park. This forest is currently under threat from logging which if goes ahead will destroy the biodiversity of the area forever.

Wildlife

Yalmy and Goongerah both contain numerous endangered animals including the giant Burrowing Frog, Long Footed Potoroo, Spot-tailed Quoll and the Jervis Bay Tree Frog, which is at the southern limit of its range. They contain rare plants and cross over rainforest.

Big Trees

There is old growth forest in both areas and Yalmy forest is especially known for large trees. The biggest Lilly Pilly ever recorded was found in the deep gullies of Yalmy and recently there has been focus on the girth size of some of the old-growth Mountain Ash from a rare stand adjacent to Yalmy Road scheduled for logging. Tree ferns with girths of two metres have also been located in this ancient forest.

Logging

Most forest in East Gippsland is used for export woodchipping. The Goongerah forest in particular has little sawlog value. These forests have a greater value left stand-



ing, for water, tourism and threatened species habitat.

Bracks must act to protect our forests