

RAINFORESTS PROTECTED FOR DECADES SET TO BE LOGGED

In 2014 the Hodgman Liberal government introduced new legislation that weakened the status of regional reserves and conservation areas and allowed for logging in these reserves.

The government is pushing to begin logging inside these reserves as early as October 2018.

The push by small sectional interest groups to log rainforests in reserves is unacceptable. Logging rainforests that have been protected in reserves for decades is outrageous, with far-reaching impacts on wildlife, climate and tourism. Hodgman's government is jeopardising the tourism economy that depends on these reserves.

It will favour a wasteful, heavily subsidised and declining logging industry, at the expense of the modern Tasmanian economy that relies on the wild and scenic beauty of the island. Logging should be explicitly prohibited in regional reserves and conservation areas.

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proposal threatens
28 reserves that
stretch across

295 700 HECTARES

Rainforests in these reserves have been protected since as early as 1980, by both Liberal and Labor governments.

Logging these rainforests would reverse 37 years of historical conservation in Tasmania.

Rainforests are becoming increasingly rare globally. Threatened by logging and other human activities, they need ongoing secure conservation protection.

State and Federally listed Endangered species like the Grey Goshawk, Wedge-tailed Eagles, Masked Owls and Tasmanian Devils depend on these rainforests for their survival. Logging rainforests will push these species one step closer to extinction.



Tasmanian Devil
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Tasmanian Wedge-tailed Eagle
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The Tasmanian government admits they want to log trees that are

300
YEARS AND OLDER

There is no need to log ancient rainforests to supply wood to industry. Timber can be provided for craft workers, furniture makers and boat builders through salvaging, increased recycling and a proper woodbank.

Given the extremely slow growth-rates and great age of many rainforest trees, rehabilitation to pre-logging conditions will take hundreds of years, if at all. Logging trees that are 300 years and older is unsustainable.

Tell the Tasmanian government that rainforest logging has to end.

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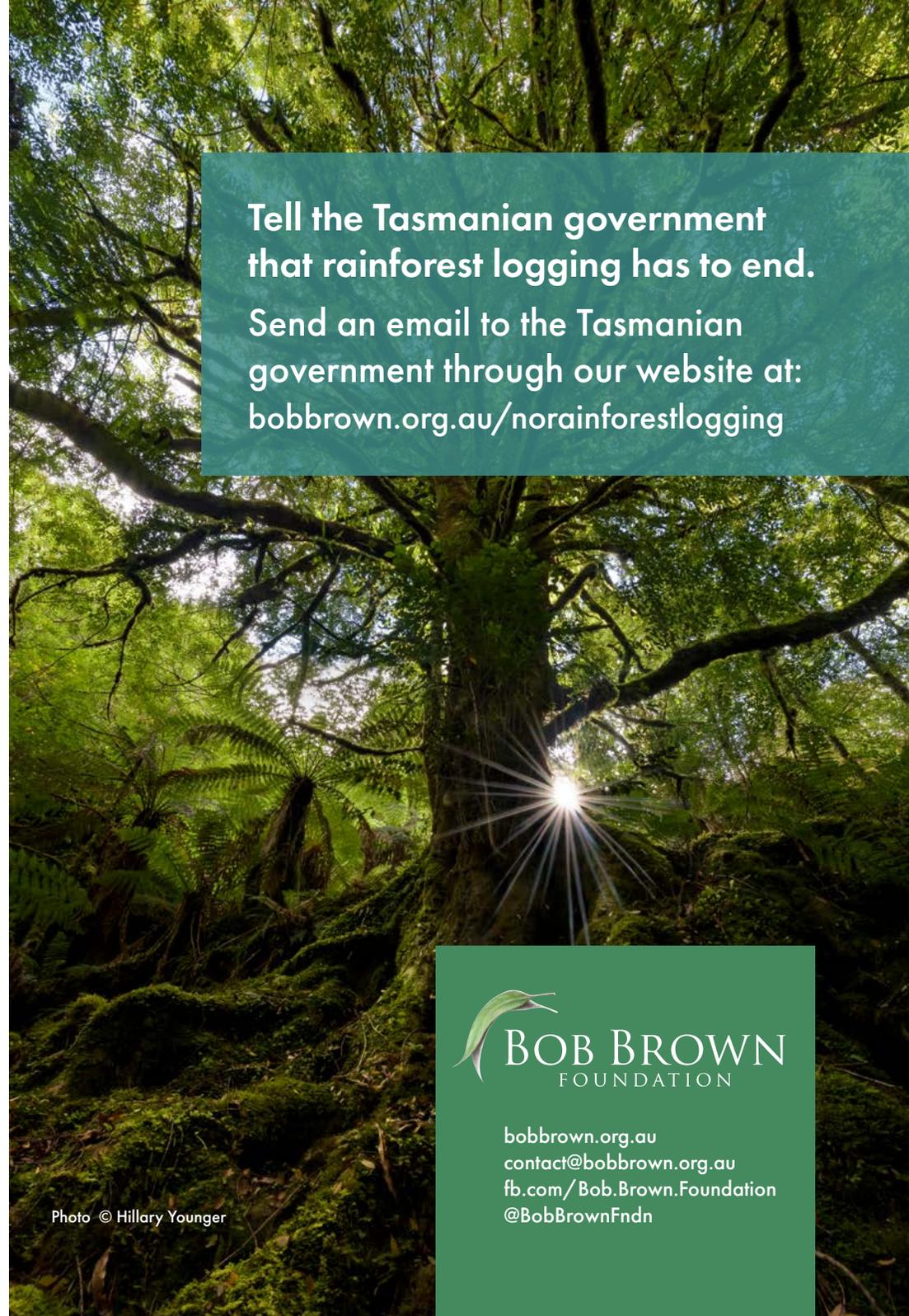


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