

TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT EAST GIPPSLAND'S FORESTS

GECO is keen to kick off our Spring and Summer campaign. Old growth, unburnt and burnt forests on the stolen lands of the Bidewell, Monero, and Gunnai Kurnai First Nations Peoples are still being logged. We need your help!

COME TO EAST GIPPSLAND

Regional Victorians are welcome to come to Goongerah after getting a negative COVID test. Please let our campaigner Chris know when you're planning on coming. You can email her at geco@geco.org.au or give her a call on 0418 912 625. There is free camping at the campground.

Goongerah Campground Google Maps link:

<https://www.google.com.au/maps/place/Goongerah+Campground/@-37.3430486,148.6971164,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x6b3b232ca50c45af:0x1e19a57eaf41301!8m2!3d-37.3430486!4d148.6993051>

To get to the Roadhouse/GECO office from the campground: turn right onto the Bonang and keep driving through Goongerah. On the left-hand side of the ride just after the speed limit hits 80 you will see a large house and a big area out front to pull up, the address is 7203 Bonang Rd.

There's plenty of scouting, walking, and surveying that needs doing. Logging will start up in the area in the next month and we are keen to mobilise and come together to protect these forests!

We run regular skill shares and survey weekends. Get in touch with our campaigners Chris if you're keen to come out.

SUPPORT FROM NAARM / ONLINE

Come along to an online non-violent direct action (NVDA) training hosted by Black Wallaby Forest Action to cover the basics of forest blockades, and what to expect to prepare for future forest actions. No experience required and the event is free!

Dates are Tuesday, October 19, 2021 6-8pm and Thursday October 21, 2021 6-8pm

[SIGN UP FOR NVDA TRAINING HERE](#)

Email and call you local politicians calling for protection of forests and to bring forward the transition out of logging!

Here's some key points:

- Over three billion animals perished in the 2019/2020 bushfires and more than two thirds of East Gippsland's forests were burnt. This is unprecedented.
- Critical areas of unburnt forests which provide "the best of the best" habitat for bushfire affected wildlife are now set to be logged across Victoria.
- The Victorian Government's own scientists have called for the logging to stop in fire-affected areas, and called post-fire logging "highly damaging"
- Victoria's forests are critical for the survival of threatened species and wildlife. Protecting forests is one of the easiest ways to tackle climate change. Our forests are some of the most carbon dense in the world - they should not be being logged when we are in a climate emergency
- The forests on the stolen lands of First Nations People who have not given consent for logging to go ahead on their Country

Call on decision makers to:

- Immediately protect our forests and wildlife from current and future logging plans
- Bring forward the transition out of native forest logging - 2030 is way too late

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