

Preserving our forests

The autumn equinox (March 21) falls on UN International Day of Forests. The rotation of the seasons invokes the sense of the balance of nature, including the cycling of water and oxygen, which are essential to all life. The trees in our forests are essential to the continuation of life. The idiocy of cutting down our native forests, our sentinels of life, must stop. It makes no sense, from environmental, economic or health perspectives to continue this insane practice.

Carmel McNaught, Balwyn North
The Age 21/3/2023

Tree cheers

TUESDAY celebrates the UN International Day of Forests.

This is a day that we Australians, still lucky enough to have some native forests, can celebrate.

On a recent caravanning trip to the Flinders Ranges we fell in love with your forests and spectacular river red gums.

Our native forests provide enjoyment to those who visit, and they support our amazing diverse animal and birdlife.

But we must not get complacent. Let us heed the urgent call to conserve these forests.

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We still have the time to act decisively to protect our remaining native forests, maintain their rich carbon stores, and marvel in their diverse ecology.

JILL PIERCE, Eaglehawk Neck, Tasmania

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Celebrate our forests

TODAY celebrates the United Nations International Day of Forests. A day that we Australians, still lucky enough to have some native forests, can celebrate.

As a student at LaTrobe University, I was introduced to bushwalking in Victoria's national parks. Our native forests support an amazingly diverse animal, bird and plant life. But we must not get complacent – let us heed the urgent call to conserve these forests. Deforestation is a major cause of global warming, as is native forest logging even with regrowth.

We still have the time to act decisively to protect our remaining native forests and maintain their rich carbon stores so we can marvel at their diverse ecosystems for generations to come.

Jill Pierce, Eaglehawk Neck, Tas
Herald Sun 21/3/2023

On Tuesday in Australia on International Day of Forests we should remember that stopping the logging of our native forests is by itself sufficient to meet our 43 per cent 2030 emissions target. All we have to do is stop cutting them down.

Ray Peck, Hawthorn, Vic
The Australian 21/3/202

THAT 10 per cent of the world's forests have gone in the last 18 years is shocking ("Forest loss alarming", HS, 20/3). A handful of mostly commercial operators are causing this to benefit themselves.

Isabelle Henry, Ascot Vale
50/50 Herald Sun 21/3/2023

Forests are our greatest climate ally

I was shocked but pleased to read that “there are more than 800 gigatonnes of carbon locked up in the world’s native forests” (*Opinion*, 20/3).

This is even more than it sounds because each tonne of stored carbon can produce nearly four tonnes of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas. This places a huge responsibility on us to protect this massive resource. Last year, Griffith University’s Professor Brendan Mackey said that if Australia stopped logging its native forests now, that action alone would be sufficient to achieve our 43 per cent 2030 emissions reduction target.

While native forests may give us “room to breathe” they also can help us turn around climate change. We just need to stop chopping them down.



Karri forest down south

Today’s United Nations International Day of Forests is a timely reminder that without forests, we would not survive.

Ian Riou, South Perth

(Submitted for Ray Peck)

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