

Why are we importing loggers?

We learned this week that Forests NSW has given a contract to a logging company from Tasmania that received \$825,000 to “exit the industry” in its home State.

Can somebody from the industry explain to me why Forests NSW is importing loggers from Tasmania?

The reason why we maintain this uneconomic, voracious woodchipping industry is to keep local workers in jobs, according to Government and industry apologists. If we didn't continue to subsidise this industry to destroy our native forests and their wildlife, it would put people out of work, they tell us.

Under the rules of the redundancy scheme there is nothing to stop this logger moving up here and start wrecking our forests, which is exactly what he has done.

The Kasun logging crew is currently destroying Bodalla State Forest on the foothills of the sacred Gulaga Mountain. If native forest logging is still taking place in Tasmania in 5 years time, there is nothing to stop him from going home and doing the same thing all over again.

This makes a terrible joke of the rationale for propping up this industry.

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