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Mrs Lynda Blyth
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Dear Mrs Blyth,

Thank you for your recent email regarding forestry activities and the need for jobs in the Derwent Valley.

Small communities right across Tasmania are under threat as young people leave, looking for work opportunities that are not available to them in their local areas. I agree that it is very sad to see our young people leaving regional centers and that it is important that they have the opportunity work and stay in these areas if they wish to.

No small community can afford, particularly in these uncertain economic times, to invest all of its hopes for the future in one industry, whether that be tourism, forestry or some other industry. The Derwent Valley has a great untapped tourist potential, but it does not have to occur at the cost of the jobs of those people who are employed in forestry operations. Tourism and forestry can exist together, the Tahune Airwalk, and the many forest reserves (such as Evercreech in the North East of the State) are prime examples of how these ventures are not mutually exclusive.

It must be remembered that 90% of the Upper Florentine area is protected and can never be used for forestry operations, and while a lot of attention has been paid to the area where forestry operations are currently occurring, there is much still to be seen in the Florentine area.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact my office for an appointment.

Yours sincerely,



Dick Adams
Federal Member for Lyons

