

Penny Wong and Climate change team,

I was most concerned to hear about the recent renewable targets draft potentially including native forests as a renewable resource.

This appears a typo or joke when first read, but knowing the past history regarding forest management with both federal and state governments in this country I fear it isn't.

Specifically I am referring to this comment in the draft...

*Specific conditions are placed on the eligibility of some sources. For example, **the MRET allows native forest biomass as an eligible fuel subject to this biomass being a harvest residue or processing waste, with further conditions around the harvesting operation***

Can you first clarify how this sentence was permitted to exist in this draft, who influenced the wording of it to ensure that it existed, and then please outline the steps that will be taken to ensure that native forest is NOT somehow mistakenly defined as renewable.

I look forward to a clear and concise response to this, not merely a long winded explanation of the consultation process you are undertaking. I also look forward to seeing any of this nonsense omitted from the next draft.

With kind regards,

David Hall