



PUBLIC SUPPORT REQUESTED TO DELIST WORLD HERITAGE AREAS

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The public have been called on to support efforts to remove forests that have been logged for 100 years and plantation timber from the World Heritage list, said Mr Guy Barnett Liberal candidate for Lyons today.

“The World Heritage committee was misled by the previous Labor-Green Federal government and the Labor-Green state government into believing these areas were pristine wilderness deserving world heritage listing, he said.

“One of the two world heritage advisory bodies, ICOMOS, even recommended against the listing because of a lack of consultation with Tasmania's aboriginal community.

“Many private land owners and farmers in the Meander Valley and Western Tiers were not even consulted, let alone consented to the nomination.

“The nomination process was rushed and misused to satisfy the Greens for political purposes. There was a clear abuse of process. It stinks.

“The Labor federal government rushed the process to force a decision before the federal election. They nominated more than ten per cent of the World Heritage area which was unprecedented as a so-called 'minor modification'.

“I will write to the World Heritage Committee asking them to support the federal government's request to delist the relevant areas and will be assisting others who plan to communicate their views,” Mr Barnett concluded.

172,000 hectares of Tasmania were World Heritage listed last June in Cambodia.

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