

Re: Gippsland RFA Review

The Mount Eliza Association for Environmental Care strongly urges the following:

1. A major national park for the Strzelecki Forest be established (at last), as less than 2% of the bioregion is in formal reserves and the Strzeleckis lack a CAR reserve system.
2. Restoration of native forest classification to the areas in the Strzelecki State Forest that have been incorrectly classified as plantation.
3. Urgent reservation of the high biodiversity 'Cores and Links' identified in the Strzelecki Ranges Biodiversity Study, as the process of protecting these areas is years behind time.
4. The issue of the Government leasing native forest to Hancocks as plantation be reviewed.

Sincerely

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on behalf
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