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Dear Mr Deacon

Thank you for bringing your letter to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change to the Premier's attention. The Premier has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The Victorian Government's review of the Code of Practice for Timber Production 2014 aims to safeguard the Victorian Forestry Plan, which will provide a smooth transition away from native timber harvesting by 2030.

An important part of the review is to consider options to strengthen the powers available to the Conservation Regulator, to ensure the Government can continue to effectively monitor compliance with forestry regulations and take enforcement action where required.

Environmental commitments are a critical part of the Victorian Forestry Plan. The immediate cessation of logging in old growth forests and exemptions from logging for 96,000 hectares of forest across Victoria, including in the Rubicon Valley region, will ensure Victoria's forests and previous wildlife remain protected for future generations.

Thank you for raising the concerns of the Rubicon Forest Protection Group on this matter with the Premier.

Yours sincerely

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