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Dear Mr Deacon

VicForests

Thank you for your letter received 10 May 2016 seeking that VAGO consider another audit of VicForests' operations in light of your concerns regarding the scale and intensity of current logging in the ash forests of the Central Forest Management Area.

In our *Managing Victoria's Native Forest Timber Resources* audit report, tabled in December 2013, the then Auditor-General concluded that VicForests and the Department of Environment and Primary Industries (now the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning) needed to improve the environmental, economic and social sustainability of timber harvesting. Furthermore, a series of recommendations were directed at the then DEPI and VicForests, many associated with the issue of sustainability. The Auditor-General noted that we may revisit the management of threatened species and public land in the future.

Accordingly, I would be pleased to pass on your request to the relevant audit team to consider as part of their future annual planning activities.

Thank you again for your interest in the work of this office.

Yours sincerely



Dr Peter Frost
Acting Auditor-General