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Comments: Whilst I understand the demand for forest products, and hence a need for logging, the scale of this proposed clearance, together with the mature nature of the trees, renders this project (Telephone Gap, #60192) totally at odds with any attempt to limit climate change.

Mature forests are some of our greatest carbon sinks. At a time when we are releasing far too much carbon into the atmosphere, not only must we reduce our consumption of fossil fuels, but also we must maintain and enhance the sinks which withdraw carbon from the atmosphere. It is imperative for the future of our civilisation that we use all available methods to limit climate change.

Clearing thousands of acres of mature forest would be reckless and irresponsible.