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Company:	National Union of Students	Date:	17 June 1997
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Subject:		cc:	

Dear Matt

Thank you for your fax dated 12 June 1997 indicating that OREN has decided not to meet with Kimberly-Clark and the Victorian Government.

We are genuinely interested in discussing environmental issues and acted in good faith in initiating the meeting so that any realistic proposals could be considered. The OREN decision is disappointing and suggests the challenge of discussing "facts" in a rational way may have proven too daunting.

Point 2 of your fax about concerns by OREN that KCA has accused them of being "extremists" who have "abandoned science and reason" is very curious given that the publication in question, "Greenspeak", not once mentions OREN. Furthermore, the feature article from which they have drawn their assertions is a copy of an address given by Dr Patrick Moore, who was a founding member of Greenpeace, back in July 1995. He gave a broad overview on the total Australian forestry debate, not focusing on the Otways.

A copy of Greenspeak is attached as clearly your fax reflects that you personally have not had the opportunity to read the document.

Regarding KCA plans on sourcing of residual logs (defective material) from the Otways, our requirements for eucalypt will shift to plantation trees in the Mt Gambier region specifically developed for our needs by private growers. From the year 2000 no residual forest material will be required by Kimberly-Clark from the Otways.

The above statement has been shared publicly several times in recent months and is of sufficient detail for your colleagues to take as a commitment by KCA. Of course this position stands in the absence of any meaningful discussions as proposed with OREN, the Victorian Government and ourselves to identify any realistic alternatives.

One final point to make is that six weeks ago or thereabouts you were asking if we would be prepared to consider any proposals on other sourcing options. We confirmed that we would and also that we would respond to any feasible options.

In light of OREN not wanting to meet and discuss their concerns you may care to reactivate the development of a written proposal for KCA to access.

We await your further advice on this offer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Peter Crowfoot', with a stylized, cursive script.

Peter Crowfoot