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**RE: REQUEST FOR A MEETING ON THE OTWAYS ISSUE**

Dear Peter,

I am responding to your request for a meeting with representatives from the conservation movement on the issue of logging in the Otways. At this stage the Otways Ranges Environment Network (OREN) is recognised as representing the conservation movement on this issue.

Following a meeting of members and supporters of OREN in Apollo Bay on June 8, I was advised that the group unanimously decided not to hold any discussions with Kimberley Clark at this stage. The reasons given for OREN reaching this decision were identified as:

1. Given the hardline public statements that Kimberly-Clark has made in favour of continuation of logging practices in the Otways it seems clear that Kimberly-Clark's position regarding the situation is already established.

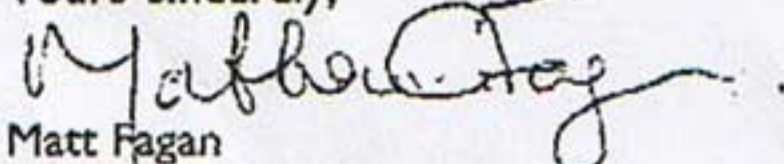
2. Members, residents and supporters have seen the *GreenSpeak* publication published by Kimberly-Clark and are offended by accusations that they are "extremists" and have "abandoned science and reason". Members viewed such publications as an attempt to initiate a "campaign of lies" against them.

However I was further advised that it would be viewed by OREN as a gesture of goodwill if Kimberly-Clark were to send a detailed report to the National Union of Students, outlining a timeline for the phasing out of native forest pulp wood requirements from the Otways. This report should also indicate the volumes of timbers to be taken from the Otways until the phase out is complete.

On receiving such a report, conservation representatives will again consider meeting with representatives from Kimberly-Clark.

Finally, OREN urges Kimberly-Clark to publicly denounce the practice of clearfell logging and to immediately stop sourcing timber from clearfell logging operations in native forest.

Yours sincerely,



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