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HOT AIR FROM PROTESTERS CONTRIBUTES TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Illegal anti-logging forest protesters in Marysville are threatening timber workers safety, telling lies and contributing to climate change through their hot air, said Timber Communities Australia today.

“It’s bad enough that these so called environmentalists undertake illegal protests but to hear them tell outright lies to the media and general public in an attempt to further their misguided cause makes you sick”, said Mr Scott Gentle, Victorian State Manager of the national grassroots community organization Timber Communities Australia (TCA).

“This is not about protecting Melbourne’s Water Catchments as claimed it is about trying to stop all timber harvesting in native forests and plantations.”, said Mr Gentle.

“Last week timber workers in East Gippsland had their livelihoods disrupted when the same group of protesters illegally locked on to machinery and blockaded work in an attempt to stop harvesting.”

“It is only due to the lack of media in East Gippsland that this stunt has been pulled and it is a pity the media is giving these illegal activities oxygen”, Mr Gentle said.

“There is no old growth harvesting in this region, there is over 50% of the area locked into reserves and a sustainable timber industry that supports hundreds of jobs”.

“This time last year the same people who the protesters are trying to stop were fighting fires in the Great Dividing Range fires and were the very reason the catchments did not burn”, said Mr Gentle

“Enough is enough, Victoria’s timber industry is sustainable and holds the solutions to battling climate change. The only threat to climate change is the hot air blowing from the protesters mouths”, concluded Mr Gentle.

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