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**INQUIRY INTO LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY AND  
FUTURE OF THE TIMBER AND FOREST PRODUCTS  
INDUSTRY**

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On Saturday I was watching a flock of 20-30 Swift parrots. That is about 10% of the remaining population! It is ridiculous that in a wealthy country like Australia we are not doing everything possible to save the Swift parrot.

Morally we should conserve these parrots for the enjoyment of our children and grandchildren and their children. We should be good ancestors!!

Environmentally, these parrots are long distance pollinators. They have helped shape our forest systems by carrying pollen back and forwards from the mainland to Tasmania. With ongoing climate change this ecosystem may be critical in ensuring that forests can adapt!

The conservation of Swift parrots makes economic sense: maintenance of the forest ecosystems ability to adapt to climate change and tourist income from bird watching and nature based activities.

Therefore, all Swift parrot habitat, in any shape of form, should be protected. That protection should start immediately, not be delayed for years.

Immediately and permanently suspend all current and planned forestry operations within fire impacted Swift Parrot foraging habitat.

Yes, Australia needs timber, but that is what plantation forests are for, logging of native forests must cease. Native forests are and will be more valuable to Australia intact than logged.

Best regards,  
Dr Evan Christen