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Dear Mr Chamberlain

VicForests Audit

Thank you for your email to my Office on 10 February 2010 advising of the Wilderness Society's interest in providing material for the proposed future audit into VicForests' operations.

As outlined in our current *Annual Plan* (2009-10), a performance audit at VicForests was scheduled for financial year 2009-10. The Department of Treasury and Finance, however, has subsequently announced it would be conducting a review of VicForests' operations in early 2010 as part of the Timber Industry Strategy. Since this review is similar in scope and timing to my Office's proposed performance audit, it has been decided to postpone the VAGO audit to 2012-13.

The scope of this proposed audit is still to be determined, however, I would welcome your input and be pleased to consult with your organisation closer to the commencement date.

Thank you for your interest in the work of my Office.

Yours sincerely



D D R Pearson
Auditor-General