

The below could form the basis of your letter. Add your own personal story and make it your own.

Dear *[Insert the name and role of the person you are writing to]*,

My name is *[Insert your name]*. *[Insert a line about who you are. For example, I live and work in Launceston; I am an engaged voter and member of the Panama Festival community.]* I write to express my grave concerns over plans to log the Panama forest and the expansion of native forest logging into other reserves.

I am calling for the Panama forest to be permanently protected. Below, I outline the four main reasons I believe the Panama forest deserves protection.

1: Ecological Significance

The Panama Forest provides refuge for an array of native species in an area dominated by agricultural and forestry land use. The Panama forest provides critical habitat for wedge-tailed eagles, Tasmanian devils, quolls, wombats, echidnas, platypuses and beneficial insects. In addition, ensuring the preservation of biodiversity supports ecological stability.

2. The PANAMA Forest is very important to the local community

Beyond its ecological role, the Panama forest holds profound cultural value. It serves as the backdrop to the annual Panama Festival, a highly regarded event that brings together artists, audiences, and local communities to celebrate creativity and connection within this stunning natural environment.

3. Economic Significance

Protecting the Panama forest also makes sound economic sense. The Panama Festival drives sustainable tourism to Tasmania, benefiting local businesses, creating jobs, and showcasing the region's natural beauty. Moreover, intact forests provide ecosystem services, such as carbon sequestration, water purification, soil conservation and beneficial insects, which hold long-term economic value.

4. Intrinsic Value

Finally, Tasmania's native forests have intrinsic worth that transcends their measurable benefits. The sheer existence of such an ecosystem enriches our shared human experience and underscores the moral obligation to preserve the natural world for future generations.

In conclusion, I strongly urge the *[government/agency]* to implement measures to secure the long-term protection of the Panama Forest.

With deep concern,

[Insert your name]