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The Honorable Peter Garrett AM
Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

Swift Parrot – Proposed Logging of Nesting Trees in Tasmania

It has been reported that logging is about to commence in the Wielangta Forest and other forests in southern Tasmania in areas which are known breeding sites for Swift Parrots.

I am sure that you are aware that the future of this nationally endangered species depends most of all on availability and protection of its nesting sites.

BOCA requests that the Commonwealth and Tasmanian Governments take immediate action to protect Swift Parrot breeding areas from harvesting. Furthermore, this action should extend to a five-year moratorium on logging of Swift Parrot nesting habitat to allow time for an in-depth study of the habitat and conditions required for successful breeding of the species.

We look forward to your urgent and decisive action on this issue.

Yours sincerely

Tim Landsberg
President