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The Honourable David Llewellyn
Minister for Energy and Resources
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Dear Minister

Proposed Logging of Swift Parrot nesting habitat

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.

As stated in your letter of 10 June 2008, logging of potential Swift Parrot breeding habitat has been suspended in the past, but it is not clear whether such areas were subsequently harvested after the breeding season.

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

BOCA requests that your Government 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.

Yours sincerely

Tim Landsberg
President