

*The Council does not support logging in Melbourne water catchments.*

*Council recognises that:*

- 1. Logging has a dramatic and detrimental effect on water quality and yield in catchments.*
- 2. Young re-growth trees need more water to grow thus releasing less water into catchments.*
- 3. Logging reduces stream flow and yields to water catchments.*
- 4. It takes 150 years for water yields to return to their pre logged status.*
- 5. It is poor water policy to continue to log our water catchments.*
- 6. Logging of water catchments adversely affects water quality through increasing sediment as does road construction through logging coupes.*

*We urge the government to consider a policy of no logging in water catchments.*