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.