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## **Tarkine Deserves Heritage Listing**

Tasmania's peak environment body has urged both the State and Commonwealth governments to protect the globally significant Tarkine Wilderness by expediting National Heritage listing for the area, which was originally submitted in 2004.

"The Tarkine is a globally significant natural icon – capable of being the Kakadu or Daintree of Tassie's North-West coast," said Dr Phill Pullinger, Director of Environment Tasmania, "The Tarkine contains Australia's largest tract of temperate rainforest, is home to more than 60 species of threatened plants and animals, and is rich in Aboriginal heritage,"

"Establishing new open cut mines in remote parts of the Tarkine Rainforest would clearly be incompatible with the protection of the wilderness and World Heritage values of the area,"

Environment Tasmania is a peak body for more than 20 conservation groups across Tasmania, with collective representation of over 5000 Tasmanians.

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