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The Nannas For Native Forests Expose ‘Driver’ of Jarrah Forest Destruction

The Nannas for Native Forests are conducting a ‘citizen’s inspection’ inside the yards of Simcoa Operations north of Bunbury this morning.

Thirty Nannas are inside the yards gathering photographic and video evidence of the huge volumes of Jarrah being used as charcoal by Simcoa in its silicon manufacturing process.

They are supported by about forty people outside the gates who back the Nannas in their call for the full protection of the South West forests.

“The Nannas are gravely concerned about the impact that logging our South West forests has on climate and biodiversity and we feel a responsibility to act for our grandchildren,” said Di Shanahan, spokesperson for the Nannas for the Native Forests.

“We have identified that Simcoa is the major buyer of Jarrah logs - driving the logging of our remaining publicly owned Jarrah forests.

“The footage and photographs that we gather today will expose the extraordinary scale of Simcoa’s operations.

“We’re confident that all West Australians will agree when they see these images that this is an outrageous waste of the South West’s Jarrah forests – forests that are so incredibly valuable standing,” said Ms Shanahan.

“Simcoa has a contract with the McGowan Government to buy up to 210,000 tonnes of Jarrah per year from logging and clearing operations,” said Jess Beckerling, WA Forest Alliance convenor.

“That’s the single largest volume of Jarrah logs available to any one company, and they are burning it all as charcoal and releasing massive volumes of carbon into the atmosphere,” said Ms Beckerling.

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