**Lesson Plan Package 3 – Controversial Issues**

**LP5 – Harmful Environmentalism**

**Top Tips for Acceptance Handout**

Key skill for engaging in controversial discussion: acceptance

*Top tips for navigating fundamental differences on an issue:*

* Understand which aspect of your identity or life experience is shaping your view on this particular issue
* Try to understand through research or dialogue what experience is shaping the viewpoint of the person or group that you disagree with
* Accept that difference is a fundamental fact of life
* Recognise when a conversation is no longer making room for understanding, or when one party is trying to ‘convert’ the other
* Steer your mindset and the conversation towards what you may be able to learn or share in any case, without needing to ‘agree’ or ‘win’
* Understand that you can admire or respect something in someone else’s experience without having to negate or erase your own

