



Legislative Council

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TASMANIAN FORESTS AGREEMENT BILL 2012– LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL INQUIRY

The Legislative Council Inquiry into the Tasmanian Forests Agreement Bill 2012 will commence with public hearings next week in Hobart from **Tuesday 15 until Thursday 17 January 2013**. Amongst the witnesses appearing during the week will be the signatories to the Tasmanian Forest Agreement 2012.

Further information about the Inquiry including the Terms of Reference, transcripts of hearings and published submissions are available and regularly updated at the following website:

<http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ctee/Council/Forests.htm>

In light of the significant public interest in the inquiry, the Hobart hearings will be broadcast through the Parliamentary broadcasting service.

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MEDIA NOTE: Details of witnesses appearing at the hearings are attached.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Paul Harriss MLC – 0409 977 430

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL INQUIRY
INTO
THE TASMANIAN FORESTS AGREEMENT BILL 2012**

Public Hearings on Tuesday 15 to Thursday 17 January 2013

Committee Room No.1, Parliament House, Hobart

Tuesday 15 January 2013

9.00am – 10.15am

Tasmanian Government Representatives, Mr Rhys Edwards – Secretary DPAC, Mr Norm McIlfratrick – Secretary DIER, Mr Mark Kelleher – Secretary DED, Mr Gary Swain, Deputy Secretary DPIPWE, Ms Penny Wells - Manager (Major Projects) DPIPWE **(Individual representatives TBC).**

10.15am – 11.45am

Forest Industries Association of Tasmania (FIAT), Mr Terry Edwards - CEO and Australian Forest Products Association, Dr Hans Drielsma - Director

12.00pm – 1.00pm

Australian Forest Contractors Association (AFCA), Mr Ken Padgett - Director

LUNCH BREAK

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Tasmanian Forest Contractors Association, Mr Ed Vincent – Executive Officer

3.00pm – 4.00pm

Australian Conservation Foundation, Mr Don Henry - CEO

4.00pm – 5.00pm

Timber Communities Australia, Mr Jim Adams - CEO

5.00pm – 6.00pm

Tasmanian Sawmillers Association, Mr Shane Rice and Mr Stuart Ralph

Wednesday 16 January 2013

9.00am – 10.00am

Environment Tasmania – Dr Phill Pullinger

10.00am – 11.00am

Wilderness Society of Tasmania, Mr Vica Bayley – Campaign Director

11.15am – 12.15pm

CFMEU – Forestry and Furnishing Products Division, Ms Jane Calvert - Secretary

LUNCH BREAK

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Tasmanian Tourism Industry Council, Mr Luke Martin - CEO

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Tasmanian Farmers and Grazier Association, Ms Jan Davis - CEO

3.15pm – 4.15pm

Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, Mr Wes Ford, Acting Deputy Secretary, Resources and Information, Ms Penny Wells, Manager Major Projects, Mr Mark Bryce, Director Operations (Parks), Mr Peter Mooney, Deputy Secretary Parks **(Individual representatives TBC)**.

4.15pm – 5.15pm

Tasmanian Minerals Council, Mr Terry Long - CEO

Thursday 17 January 2013

9.00am – 10.00am

Tasmanian Conversation Trust, Mr Peter McGlone - Director

10.00am – 11.00am

Australian Forest Growers, Mr Warwick Ragg - CEO

11.15am – 12.15pm

Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI), Mr Andrew Heap, Mr Michael Bailey, Phil Bailey

LUNCH BREAK

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Forest Practices Authority, Mr Graham Wilkinson – Chief Forest Practices Officer

2.00pm – 3.00pm

Local Government Association of Tasmania, Mr Allan Garcia - CEO

3.00pm – 4.00pm

Forestry Tasmania, Mr Bob Annells – Chairman, Mr Bob Gordon – Managing Director and Mr Steve Whiteley – Operations Manager