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**Subject:** Triabunna inquiry

Dear Guy

Congratulations on the instigation of an inquiry into the vandalism of the Triabunna mill.

As a logging contractor in the southern forests our business has suffered severe financial hardship as a direct result of this closure.

I would encourage the inquiry to look at the causes and actions of those involved and given the fact that the mill played such a major part of the IGA (in the early days) – and that it was to remain open for a further 5 years. This however seem to have been “dropped” from discussions as the IGA developed over the period of time. However the production areas which were reserved from harvesting remained.

I liken the action of the mill vandalism to such actions that if Forestry Tasmania was to schedule harvesting in areas of “proposed” reserves - and that contractors commenced worked.

I believe the mill remains a critical part of the industry infrasture – whether it is in its past form – or is upgraded to a value added operation and as such should be compulsory acquired and returned to the industry – and ultimately the Tasmanian economy.

The alleged damage by opponents of the mill is nothing more than pure evil and vandalism and should be strongly condemned and those responsible be held to account.

TP Bennett and Sons currently employs 21 people in the Huon Valley and provides its full support to you and your Government in undertaking this inquiry

If I can provide any further information or you would like to visit any of our operations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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