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I earnestly urge the Committee to pass the Tasmanian Forests Agreement Bill 2012.

It is not perfect, I know, but it is an opportunity to put a stop to the divisive wars that have riven Tasmania for over 30 years.

If it is not passed, we revert to that divisive past. We also lose over \$100 million this State badly needs.

It is odd that two previously bitter enemies in this area, the logging industry and conservationists, have reached an agreement. Both sides gain. The forestry industry has become unsustainable, partly through mismanagement, partly because of the world economy. Whatever, things can't continue as they are. Tasmania is unique in its possession of ancient forests, deriving from Gondwanaland, that are the best carbon storage systems in the world. They need to be conserved.

So please, in the interests of peace and of our grandchildren, please pass this Bill.

Most sincerely,

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