

I wish to submit a sawlog focused selective harvesting proposal. For areas nominated as "once off log, restore and reserve", (as indicated on map A) in the Tasmanian Forests Agreement.

Harvesting operations in these areas would need to achieve the following objectives:

OPERATIONAL

1. Exceptionally high environmental, safety and utilization standards.
 - 1a. Excavator based system of 'processing wood at the stump'
 - b. Extensive use of cording and matting of extraction tracks to minimize soil disturbance.
 - c. Wood to be extracted in log lengths not exceeding 5.5 metres to avoid damage to retained trees.

- 2a. A thorough risk assessment of each tree to be felled.
 - b. Excavator assisted manual tree falling (as outlined in the forest safety code).
 - c. Low volume operation(s) based on using good quality used equipment to minimize capital.

- 3a. Maximize all available products – all sawlog categories, special species, preservation treated products, peeler wood.
 - b. Mandatory pulpwood sale, sawlog headwood and trees felled for safety reasons are the only sources of pulpwood.

BROADER OBJECTIVES

Conservation groups are invited to inspect the operation(s) at regular intervals and prior to commencement, participate in formulating the forest practice plan(s). Operation(s) to comply with comprehensive auditing that will only allow continuation if all environmental safety and utilization standards can be clearly demonstrated.

Conservation groups be they part of the I.G.A. process or not, be asked to promote the products derived in the market place.

We should promote this as a model to demonstrate that harvesting contractors and conservation groups can work together at a grass roots level to achieve positive and meaningful outcomes.

I would welcome any opportunity to meet with the Legislative Council Select Committee, inquiring into the Tasmanian Forests Agreement Bill 2012.

Sincerely,



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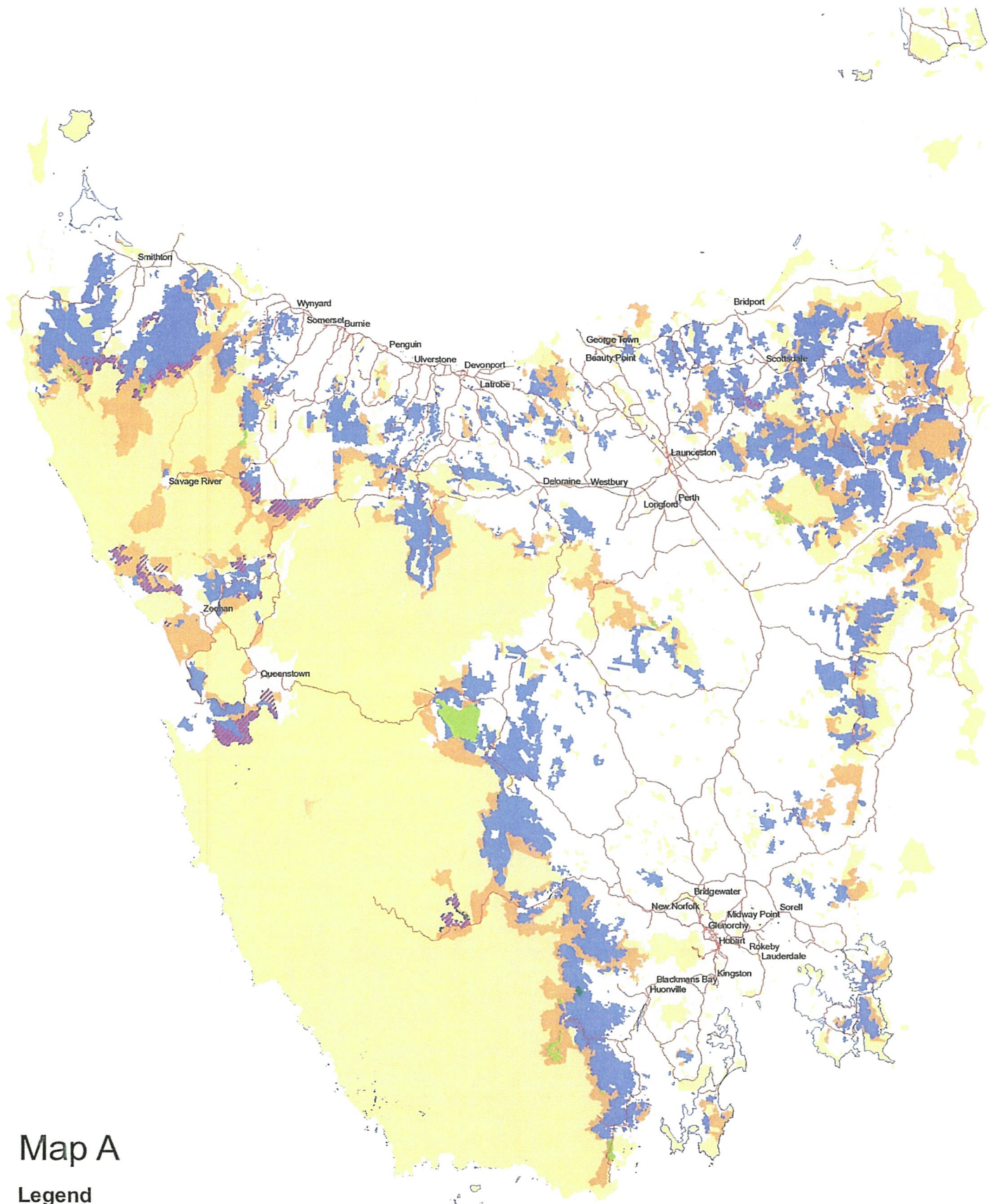
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Harvesting contractor – 20yrs

Company harvesting supervisor (APPM Gunns) – 12yrs

Tasmanian Logging Association board member – 5yrs





Tasmanian Logging Association Chairman – 3yrs





Map A

Legend

Production Areas

-  Specialty Timber Rainforest Heritage Zone (37,954 ha)
-  Once-off Log, Restore and Reserve (20,183 ha)
-  Log of Last Resort (1,228 ha)
-  State Forest

Reserves

-  New Reserves (504,012 ha)
-  Formal Reserve (Current)