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Another twist in peace deal

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existing activities continue player in a deal to hand about 300,000ha of nonrather than it becoming a original community so that sawmiller Glenn national park. has emerged as a key harvested forest to the Ab-CIRCULAR Britton Head

community would endorse place. ucts in the global market-Tasmanian timber prod-In return, the Aboriginal

the state's Aborigines. ment (IGA) to be given to Intergovernmental Agreeas part of the forestry drafted a plan for land Association of Tasmania and the Forest Industries Aboriginal Centre (TAC) identified for reservation including Mr Britton, had day when it emerged ar took another twist yester l'asmania, the Tasmanian alliance including Forestry The forestry peace deal

nes would manage the land under the guidance of FT. drafted, the state's Aborigi of Understanding (MOU) Under the Memorandum

January 29 meeting partly alerted to the proposal at a organised by Mr Britton, and Forestry Minister Bryan Green were first Premier Lara Giddings

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Ms Giddings

a long-term lease over the dorse Tasmanian timber clude forest put aside for logging, and in return enland, which would not inity would get ownership or

sue, like the Tasmanian we decided we would purdiscussions after an apbeen involved in the initial thoughts put forward and through FT and there were proach from the TAC "All I can say is I have

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which investigated how 572,000ha forest is of high conservation value much of the state's

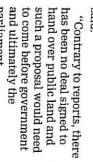
> exploiting community Forestry Tas accused of

peace deal. undermining the forest community" and potentially Minister Cassy O'Connor exploiting a vulnerable nas accused FT of ABORIGINAL Affairs

McKim, squarely blamed FT colleague, party leader Nick derail the forestry IGA yesterday for trying to her Greens Cabinet The Greens MP, along with

corporate interests," Ms colleagues to progress an working with my cabinet Aboriginal Affairs, I am t suits business or Aboriginal land, not because nanded back because it is Aboriginal land should be based on the premise that agenda of land hand backs "As Minister for

to the Aboriginal community out of the could believe Forestry Tasmania is contemplating Agreement was signed the return of forested lands politics for the past 30 years, paid attention to Tasmanian Intergovernmental and particularly since the O'Connor said. "Only someone who hasn't parliament industry," Ms Giddings Forestry Tasmania and the that have occurred with



the time to he dictracted our forests and now is not the long-running conflict in possible chance of resolving "The IGA gives us the best

goodness of its heart."

Premier Lara Giddings



Cassy O'Connor Aboriginal Affairs Minister

preliminary discussions untoward about the