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Tasmania Forestry Agreement

The Tasmanian Deer Advisory Committee (TDAC) has decided to put in a submission to the Legislative Council in regards to the Tasmania Forestry Agreement.

If this agreement becomes law through the Tasmanian Forest Agreement Bill the TDAC's has many unanswered questions. We have asked the Government on several occasions, if the Government will continue to allow recreational hunting activities, 4x4, fishermen, horse riders, and birdwatchers in new reserve areas, as some of these State Forest's have a long history of hunting and other recreational use.

The Great Western Tiers is one of the key areas that the TDAC wishes to know the outcome for. The maps linked to the agreement released earlier, showed almost all of this area being marked for protection as part of this agreement. However we have yet to be advised what protection the area will receive or when.

The TDAC is also concerned about the other 520,000 of hectares of land that are designated for reserves and what type of reserves these will be.

The TDAC has in the past, aided landowners and hunters in the planning of an integrated approach to property management that maintains wildlife at acceptable levels to help achieve conservation objectives and we wish to continue this assistance.

The TDAC is concerned that the proposed legislation does still not allow for a broader group of stakeholders to be part of the "council" overseeing the implementation of this Agreement. The TDAC believes that a wider group (including hunters) should be involved to help ensure early stakeholder consultation on the future of any reserves.

The TDAC believes that the best level of protection would be Conservation Area under the provisions of the Nature Conservation Act, with a management plan that is drawn up and agreed to by the management "council" then a variety of activities can be permitted and managed. A plan such as this could and would need to have in place a review date.

The TDAC is optimistic that the Tasmania Forestry Agreement can work for all Tasmanians on these matters, so as to keep these traditional recreational areas open and accessible to the hunting fraternity and other traditional user.

If a representative for the TDAC is required, either Wayne Turale of 317 Marlborough Road, Bronte Park or myself of 11 Samclay Court, Perth will attend any requested meetings. Wayne can be contacted on 0428 145 319 and I can be contacted on 0419 336 213.

Yours sincerely



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