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TASMANIAN FORESTS AGREEMENT BILL 2012– LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL INQUIRY

The Legislative Council Inquiry into the Tasmanian Forests Agreement Bill 2012 will continue with public hearings next week in Hobart on **Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 February 2013** and in Launceston on **Thursday 7 February 2013**.

Further information about the Inquiry including the Terms of Reference, transcripts of hearings and published submissions are available and regularly updated at the following website:

<http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/ctee/Council/Forests.htm>

In light of the significant public interest in the inquiry, the Hobart hearings will be broadcast through the Parliamentary broadcasting service. **Please note that for technical reasons the Launceston hearings will not be broadcast.**

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MEDIA NOTE: Details of witnesses appearing at the hearings are attached.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Paul Harriss MLC – 0409 977 430

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL INQUIRY
INTO
THE TASMANIAN FORESTS AGREEMENT BILL 2012**

Public Hearings on Tuesday 5 until Wednesday 6 February 2013

Committee Room No.1, Parliament House, Hobart

Tuesday 5 February 2013

9.00am – 10.00am	Timber Communities Australia, Mr Jim Adams – CEO
10.00am – 10.45pm	Mr Barry Chipman
11.00am -12.00pm	FSC Australia, Mr Jim Adams – Chairman, Ms Natalie Reynolds - CEO

LUNCH BREAK

1.00pm – 3.00pm	Denman Marine & Tasmanian Speciality Timbers Alliance, Mr Andrew Denman and other witnesses TBC
3.15 – 4.15pm	Dr Mark Neyland & Dr Tim Wardlaw
4.15 – 5.00pm	Mr Julian Amos

Wednesday 6 February 2013

9.00am – 10.00am	Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, Mr Michael Mansell – Legal Director
10.00am – 11am	Aboriginal Land Care Centre – Witnesses TBC

11.00am – 12.00pm

Natural Resource Planning, Mr Rod Knight

12.00pm – 12.45pm

Dr Jacki Schirmer TBC

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Public Hearings on Thursday 7 February 2013

Grand Chancellor Launceston

Thursday 7 February 2013

9.00am – 10.30am	Tasmanian Farmers and Grazier Association, Ms Jan Davis - CEO
10.45 – 11.30pm	Mr Michael Kelly TBC
11.30 -12.30pm	Liffey Meander Branch TCA, Mr Rodney Stagg
1.30 – 3.00pm	Mr Roderick O'Connor