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Open letter to Members of Legislative Council

Dear Members of the Legislative Council

Ta Ann Tasmania wrote to you on the 5th December regarding the passage of the Forestry Agreement Legislation.

In subsequent evidence to Legislative Council members the company outlined its specific commercial circumstances and both its support of the Forestry Agreement and the proposed legislative package.

The company noted the critical timing issues with markets and the proposed Plywood Plant accelerated planning and development works.

We have indicated publicly our deep concerns on delay of the legislation and the impact of the associated costs for Ta Ann directly. We have been notified of further market order losses this week in Japan with direct financial costs to the company.

In order that employees, contractors, timber communities and markets are not permanently lost, Ta Ann has made direct representations to all of our key suppliers, Signatory Parties to the Forestry Agreement and governments over recent days to seek measures to avoid permanent mill closures.

We have been encouraged to take this approach by a number of Legislative Council members and strong feedback from the broader timber industry community.

As a result of the direct responses from all the parties a "Holding Package" outlined in the attached media statement has been approved by the Board of Ta Ann Tasmania. The package has very significant contributions from a range of parties and encourages Ta Ann in the likely durability of the Forestry Agreement in such difficult circumstances.

The company is also making a significant financial contribution to the "Holding Package".

The accelerated planning and development work on the proposed new Plywood Mill for northern Tasmania has also been deferred by the company pending the outcome of the passage of the Legislation.

Ta Ann Tasmania is but one part of the whole forestry supply chain.

We sincerely hope that our role in the supply chain is understood and that our approach to the "Holding Package" will encourage Legislative Council members to deal with any remaining issues as quickly as possible and give support to the Forestry Agreement early in the New Year.

We remain as always, ready to provide any further evidence and advice to help Councilors make an early consideration of the Forestry Agreement legislation and we are fully committed to implementation measures at the earliest time.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Evan Rolley', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the signature.

Evan Rolley

Executive Director