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written submission by Dr. John Marrone.

Dear LSC TFA Committee,

I would like to thank you all for the opportunity and invitation to have written submissions regarding the future of Tasmania's Forests.

The key message I would like to put forward is to ask all TFA Committee members to expand Tasmania's forest areas where using firearms for recreational hunting be allowed (in accordance with Tasmania's current firearms and game hunting requirements/legislation).

As a fully licenced Tasmanian recreational hunter I have found that fewer areas of forest are being set aside (or are being extremely heavily restricted – for example, access for only a number of weeks or days per year in some areas) where recreational hunting can now occur in Tasmania. A very large reduction of access to forests has occurred especially in the last 20 years.

I ask that this reduction in forest access to recreational hunters is halted and the status quo indeed reversed.

Recreational hunting in accordance with legislation (especially for vermin such as rabbits) has many benefits such as increased physical activity, passing hunting skills from one generation to the next and environmental benefits (especially instead of using certain poisons such as 1080).

I am happy to attend the committee in person should this be required and look forward to all the ultimate TFA outcomes.

Sincerely and many thanks,

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