

THE SECRETARY.
SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE TASMANIAN FORESTS AGREEMENT BILL 2012.
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF TASMANIA.
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SUBMISSION.

I AM FORWARDING TWO DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN FORWARDED TO ALL THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS IN 2012. THESE CONTAIN THE PERTINENT ISSUES FROM A BEEKEEPING AND POLLINATION INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE IN RELATION TO THE BILL AND FORM OUR SUBMISSION. THE ONLY OTHER DOCUMENT OF IMPORTANCE WHICH AFTER SUBSTANTIAL RESEARCH SUPPORTS THE VIEW AS TO THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF THE RESERVE AREAS, IS THE REPORT BY PROFESSOR WEST IN 2012. A COPY OF THAT REPORT IS AVAILABLE ON THE GOVERNMENT WEBSITE. I AM SURE THAT ALL THE MEMBERS ARE FAMILIAR WITH THAT REPORT. WE ARE AVAILABLE TO MEET WITH THE COMMITTEE IF REQUIRED.

YOURS FAITHFULLY



BOB DAVEY (VICE PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN BRANCH OF THE TASMANIAN BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION AND PRESIDENT OF SAVEYOURLEATHERWOODHONEY ASSOCIATION)

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Subject: Forest Agreement

Dear Members.

You will recall our email to you late in 2010 at the time Profesor West was beginning his work. While that was incorrect in implying that all Tasmanian Beekeepers were in support of the Agreement process, at a subsequent meeting of the Tasmanian Beekeepers Association Executive, no issue was taken with the content of the same which dealt with the critical importance of the Leatherwood resource in State Forest. On behalf of the Southern Beekeepers and the Tasmanian Beekeeper's lobby group (Saveyourleatherwoodhoney Association) I am writing to urge your support for the legislation which will give affect to the Forest Agreement.

Even if the legislation is amended, provided the reserve areas are substantially the same then the Beekeeping and Pollination Industries will be greatly secured into the future as will our home grown food chain.

I am attaching a copy of a recent media release which gives a little more up to date detail.

Read in conjunction with our correspondance to you in 2010, this gives a good background to the importance of the preservation of leatherwood resource in State Forest and of the affect of that on our food chain via pollination services.

We are available to meet and give a briefing on the issues if that is required.

Regards,

Bob Davey. (President of the Saveyourleatherwoodhoney Association and Vice president of the Southern Branch of the Tasmanian Beekeepers Association).

MEDIA RELEASE BY THE SAVEYOULEATHERWOOD HONEY ASSOCIATION

TASMANIAN FOREST AGREEMENT – ENABLING LEGISLATION

THE TASMANIAN BEEKEEPER'S LOBBY GROUP (SAVEYOURLEATHERWOODHONEY ASS), ON BEHALF OF THE SOUTHERN BEEKEEPERS AND ITS MEMBERS IN THE NORTH OF THE STATE, HAS RESOLVED TO EXPRESS ITS SUPPORT TO THE AGREEMENT AND THE ENABLING LEGISLATION. THIS IS AFTER BEING SUBSTANTIALLY INVOLVED IN THE AGREEMENT PROCESS THROUGH PROFESSOR WEST'S INVESTIGATION GROUP, REVIEWING THE "WEST" REPORT IN DETAIL AND EXAMINING THE FINAL DRAFT AGREEMENT AND THE RELEVANT MAPPING.

IF THE LEGISLATION IS PASSED IT WILL SECURE AT LEAST ONE HALF OF LEATHERWOOD RICH FOREST IN THE SOUTH AND WEST OF THE PRESENT STATE FOREST AREAS. THIS WILL GIVE A LARGE DEGREE OF SECURITY TO THE BEEKEEPING AND POLLINATION INDUSTRIES IN THE SOUTH OF THE STATE ON WHICH OUR HORTICULTURAL INDUSTRIES RELY.

WHEN THIS IS COUPLED WITH AN UNDERTAKING IN WRITING GIVEN BY THE TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT THAT ACCESS TO THE RESERVED AREAS WILL BE GUARANTEED TO THE BEEKEEPING INDUSTRY AND THAT THIS ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED AS PART OF THE PROPOSED RESERVES MANAGEMENT REGIME -

THIS HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BE A WIN/WIN RESULT FOR ALL TASMANIANS.

THE POLLINATION SERVICES WHICH GUARANTEE 60 – 70% OF OUR HOME GROWN FOOD CHAIN IN TASMANIA AND WHICH HAVE FOR THE PAST 20+ YEARS BEEN THREATENED WITH THE CONTINUED DISAPPEARANCE OF LEATHERWOOD IN STATE FOREST (AS A RESULT OF CLEARFELL AND BURN HARVESTING), RELY EXCLUSIVELY ON THE ABILITY OF BEEKEEPERS TO ACCESS LEATHERWOOD IN STATE FOREST. THIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY SEVERAL GOVERNMENT INITIATED INQUIRIES AND BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS RECOGNISE AND ACCEPT THIS POSITION.

**THIS LEGISLATION AND RESULTING RESERVE
SYSTEM GOES A LONG WAY TOWARDS
GUARANTEEING VIABLE BEEKEEPING AND
HORTICULTURAL INDUSTRIES IN TASMANIA.**

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