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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA

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**SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
SCOTTSDALE SAWMILLS**

**Interim Report**

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*Brought up by Mr Booth on 5 July 2011  
and ordered by the  
House of Assembly to be printed.*

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Mr Booth (Chair)  
Mr Ferguson  
Mr Gutwein  
Ms White  
Mr Wightman



## **Establishment of Committee**

The House on Wednesday, 17 November 2010 resolved -

That:—

- (1) A Select Committee be appointed, with power to send for persons and papers, with leave to sit during any adjournment of the House exceeding fourteen days, with leave to report from time to time and with leave to adjourn from place to place, to inquire into and report upon the Scottsdale softwood sawmills, including:—
  - (a) the circumstances surrounding the withdrawal of the joint venture softwood log supply from the two Scottsdale softwood sawmills and its transfer to Forest Enterprises Australia at Bell Bay;
  - (b) the effect of that action on the Scottsdale and surrounding areas economy;
  - (c) measures to mitigate the social and economic harm resulting from the withdrawal of the softwood log supply; and
  - (d) other matters incidental thereto.
- (2) The Committee shall consist of 5 members, being: 2 from the Government nominated by the Leader of the House; 2 from the Opposition nominated by the Leader of Opposition Business in the House; and 1 from the Tasmanian Greens nominated by the Leader of the Greens.
- (3) The Committee report by 30 June 2011.

## **Resolution**

At the meeting of the Committee held this day (Friday 24 June 2011), the Committee resolved as follows:-

- (1) *Resolved, That this Committee recommends to the House that the following matter be referred to the Privileges Committee for investigation and report: that the Chair of the Committee explain the circumstances under which privileged in camera evidence was disseminated from his office.*
- (2) *Resolved, That the Committee accepts the advice of the Secretary with regard to the inadvertent posting of in camera evidence and retains full confidence in him.*

## **Recommendation**

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**Parliament House**

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**24 June 2011**

**Kim Booth M.P.**

**CHAIR**

