

Legislative Council Select Committee
Tasmanian Forests Agreement

Having no detail of the Bill in question I would simply like to briefly comment on the background to the agreement.

There are serious concerns in legitimising an agreement that has been reached under the duress of demonstrated and inferred illegal activities. Such activity being encouraged by a lenient judiciary, a compliant government, a supportive media and a generally misinformed public. As in all cases, that is tantamount to blackmail, any capitulation leads to further demands. This is already suggested in the conflict over the Tarkine.

The rule of law must be seen to endure come what may. Outside of that it is anarchy however benign it appears, and undesirable consequences must follow.



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