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To the Legislative Council

The forest agreement was made between those parties involved in the forests: the fact that they overcame the difficulties that had been always considered insurmountable, to come to a compromise that all parties involved agreed to, should be celebrated.

To now complain that the process was not sufficiently inclusive, or will not provide a perfect outcome, will only prolong the agony of what Tasmania has been suffering from for so many years: a surfeit of political interference in this industry that has maintained uneconomic and unsustainable practices, and in fact guaranteed it's downfall.

This agreement is probably our only chance for the next 30 years to put an end to what has divided our community for so long. Of course it is not perfect, because it is a compromise. But no one has a feasible alternative, least of all the Liberal party.

Changes to the agreement could give any of the parties involved sufficient justification to break that agreement, causing more conflict and disruption that could further affect Tasmania's international standing and financial credibility.

Therefore I respectfully request that the Legislative Council demonstrate their care for the welfare of the state as a whole by supporting this agreement.

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