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**From:** Sandra Rybarczyk <tmca3@bigpond.com>  
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**To:** tfacommittee  
**Subject:** Submission TFA bill

Dear Members of the Tasmanian Forest Agreement Committee,

The Tasmanian Mountain Cattlemen's Association (TMCA) was formed in 1986 to give mountain families throughout Tasmania a voice in the management of Tasmania's high country land.

We have become aware of the IGA plan to proceed with the lock up of further areas of the Western Tiers and would like to express our strong opposition to any further land in this area being locked away.

The mountain people have a deep love of the Western Tiers area and have developed sensitive ecological land management practices which have maintained the beauty and vitality of the mountain pastures and the protection of the surrounding forests. Members of our Association continue to graze cattle in areas of the Western Tiers during the summer months and rely on the tracks in the area to gain access to the grazing runs. The Western Tiers is also a very popular area for recreational riders.

As acknowledged users of the Western Tiers the Association feels the need for more consultation before any further decisions of this magnitude are made.

The TMCA is very disappointed we have not been consulted on this proposal as the further lock up of land involves the tracks which gives access to the area.

Kind Regards  
Sandra Rybarczyk  
Secretary  
Tasmanian Mountain Cattlemen's Association