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Dear Sir,

Further to the Concerned Farmer's & Rural Communities request to appear before the LLC, select Committee.

From indications given in your telephone conversation, we submit the following, however it is requested that our brief not be limited to the headings, herewith, in apposing the Bill.

- 1 As a Sovereign State of the Commonwealth of Australia, the process involving the presentation of the Bill is flawed.
- 2 The process used in this instance is eroding democracy
- 3 There is a public perception that the Commonwealth & State Governments are providing financial bribes to win support for the Bill
- 4 Our elected members of Parliament are requested to treat this as a dangerous attack on the peoples of Tasmania, democratic rights
- 5 If the Bill is passed in its present form, it will have the potential to cripple the Tasmanian economy, forever .
- 6 Other States have in the past have put us on notice, their unwillingness to continue financial support, while we reject realistic financial opportunities
- 7 The Tasmanian Government, must provide Tasmanian citizens the opportunity to cast their democratic vote on the current Bill
- 8 The referendum details should include; but not limited to:
 - a Business case to support the Bill
 - b Long term benefits to Tasmania
 - c Social & economic benefits to Tasmania.
 - d Financial handicaps forced on Rural Communities
 - e Social implications on Rural communities
 - f Environmentally Tasmania has significantly more bush land protected than any other State.
 - g In view of the undemocratic process by the Lower House, it must conduct a referendum to allow the Tasmanian people to vote.

Yours Sincerely
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