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Dear Ms. Ilise Bourke,

As discussed on the phone a few minutes ago, please find below the final version of my submission as I had send it on Friday 18th at 5:48pm (the corrected cover page from the first submission send 4:48pm)

Thank you for the consideration and future exchange of information.

With kind regards

Frank Strie

----- Original Message -----

From: [Frank Strie](#)
To: facommittee@parliament.tas.gov.au
Cc: paul.harriss@parliament.tas.gov.au
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2013
Subject: A submission to the 2012 TFA Bill and a formal request to appear at a public hearing to provide further information

Dear *Secretary* Mr Stuart Wright,

In early December 2012, I provided a submission to individual Members of the Legislative Council (see attached).

It was a very positive outcome of the debate and vote prior to the Christmas break that now this comprehensive consultation process is taking place.

Having moved with my family to Tasmania from Germany in late 1987, originally to provide training service to and on behalf of the Tasmanian Industries Training Council,

I feel that I have a unique understanding of forest related issues of both hemispheres.

For the last three days I have carefully listened to almost all the witness presentations via the linked web-stream.

There was a lot of good quality information provided by some of the presenters, but there was also a great deal of confusion and misguided information presented in relation to the Forest Stewardship Council process. Because I have been interested in and supported the uptake of FSC as an effective communication and information exchange process since 1998, and then later as a founding Director of *Responsible Forest Management Australia Limited*, trading as FSC Australia until April 2009, and still now as an Individual Member of FSC International in the Social Chamber, I am very experienced with FSC issues here in Australia and also familiar with the associated issues around the globe.

I am also working on issues regarding climate change and carbon farming, and since 2007 I am involved with Pyrolysis Technologies and Biochar.

In regard to the problematic 2012 TFA Bill I suggested that there is still the opportunity to

do things in a better way.

As I and others with me suggested previously:

" The Legislative Council does have the opportunity to broaden the parameters of this agreement, by saying "no" this must be done in a more fully informed and integrated way, by saying "no, we can and must do better." They do have the opportunity to say that this process has been too unrepresentative to work, too many stakeholders have been ignored, and too many valuable perspectives haven't been considered. They do have the opportunity to ensure that a properly-based sustainable industry can be developed, where sustainability means more than just a "smaller paddock", but also means reform of forestry practices according to FSC International guidelines, and also means ensuring that sawlogs for the future are not being harvested now for short-term profits in peeler billets and "residues".

At no stage during the process which began in May 2010 has there been any attempt to examine successful examples of well-integrated, triple-bottom line forestry models operating elsewhere, for example in Slovenia and Switzerland, [and other Countries like Canada and USA,] although Tasmania has a number of highly qualified people with expertise and experience in such forestry environments.

The best way forward for the Tasmanian industry is a real focus on high-value adding which benefits Tasmanians, not on a continuation of resource-stripping for the benefit of a few through the promotion of monopoly control. That model has failed and will continue to fail in the future. It is really incumbent on the Legislative Council to look beyond the foreign corporate lobbyists to places in the world where practices such as selective harvesting ensure careful maintenance of land and water resources for the future, as well as a timber resource for the future as well. It is clear that the current agreement does not cater adequately for a viable sawlog industry in the future, for it allows the harvesting of the resource while it is still immature for the short-term benefit of a single company. The Legislative Council does have the opportunity to take a position of strong leadership on this issue by saying that more needs to be done before they will vote for it. They have the opportunity to say to themselves that there must be a better way, and that there is a better way, rather than just agreeing with all those who – for their own reasons – say this is as good as it can be. They have an opportunity to say it must be much better than that.

The Tasmanian community deserves better than never-ending failing business as usual in the forestry sector, where corporate welfare is the main game. It is well past time for some real courage to be shown by Tasmanian politicians, and for them to reject business as usual in the form of corporatisation and destructive management practices. "

The disastrous fire situation in 2013 is calling for urgent changes in vegetation management.

The Legislative Council may like to provide the opportunity to explore a possible alternative pathway in this serious situation with the 2012 TFA Bill.

In case the committee might wish to discuss the complex matters with me face to face, I would be happy to appear at a public hearing.

Yours sincerely

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From: Frank Strie

To: sue.smith@parliament.tas.gov.au

Sent: Sunday, December 09, 2012 12:45 PM

Subject: ... attached a submission in form of an open letter to every Member of the Tasmanian Legislative Council regarding the IGA debate and situation

Dear Ms Smith MLC,

Please find attached a submission in form of an open letter to every Member of the Tasmanian Legislative Council regarding the IGA debate and situation.

The letter was produced as a combined submission by

Frank Strie, Peter Henning, Alison Bleaney, Peter Brenner, Claire Gilmour, Bob McMahon, Julian Wolfhagen, a small group of non-partisan individuals with a belief that the current agreement fails many fundamental tests, that it was based on a totally flawed and unrepresentative process, that it fails to address many key issues which can only be addressed within an integrated plan – not a siloed plan – and that it fails Tasmania's future.

Please feel free to share this with anyone you may consider as a stakeholder in this process.

For any feedback, question, comment or other arrangement please feel free to contact me

Yours sincerely

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