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Stuart Wright,
Secretary,
Legislative Council Select Committee on the TFA 2012

Dear Mr Wright,

My submission to the Committee is very brief.

The TFA was developed following a long period of consultation between forest industry representatives and agents of the conservation movement. The signatories to the agreement had access to all the relevant data and they were also briefed by expert consultants.

The fact that rapprochement and mutual respect developed between people whose views were previously diametrically opposed is highly significant. This is a development that has been sought for decades in Tasmania, and Committee members need to be particularly mindful of it.

The TFA legislation has been passed by the lower house. Amendments have been proposed. In the short time between now and the end of the month I believe it is in the best interests of Tasmania for the Committee to work diligently to see how the TFA can be ratified and go forward into the future.

Generous compensation has already been supplied to forest industry workers who have lost their livelihoods and more will be available if time frames imposed by the federal government are met. Wood resource security is written into the TFA and land has been identified for new reserves. These outcomes benefit all people in Tasmania, and ensure that forestry is carried out sustainably and also that vanishing native forests are preserved.

The Committee has a chance to ratify the TFA and end years of conflict and polarisation in this state. It is a chance to be cherished by the Committee.

Yours sincerely

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