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Legislative Council Committee calls halt to Statement of Principles

A Legislative Council Committee investigating the transition out of public native forest harvesting in Tasmania has called for a halt to the Statement of Principles process until a number of fundamental criteria are met.

"The Statement of Principals is not an agreement on transition but rather a set of principles agreed by the signatories and it is not at all clear whether transition is to be complete or partial. Little, if any, consideration has been given to the views of, and impacts on, the non-signatory stakeholders through the development of any agreement. The Statement of Principles focuses on environmental considerations to the detriment of social and economic factors." the Hon, Greg Hall MLC said.

A Media Conference on the Report will be held today, **Tuesday 28 June 2011 in the Legislative Council Media Room at Parliament House, Hobart at 1.15pm**.

Ends

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