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New Town TAS 7008
(Please note new address)
February 5 2008

Rod Hill & Brett Warren
Forestry Tasmania
Melville St
Hobart TAS 7000

Dear Mr Hill and Mr Warren

Due to a change of address I have only just received a letter from Brett Warren dated 10/1/08. We would prefer if you would use email as you have done previously, as it is the most reliable method of communication, and also allows us to share communication with all members of our group in a timely manner.

The Canaways Community Group was very surprised and disappointed to be notified of this action. You made a commitment to us in August and September 2007 that Forestry Tasmania would provide us with a draft Forest Practices Plan for review within a short period.

We still have reason to believe the cable and ground based forest operation you propose will cause environmental harm and nuisance in our local catchment and impair the quality of our drinking water. We are also concerned that habitat of the Tasmania Wedge-tailed Eagle will be disturbed as part of this operation.

Our concerns for water quality and erosion and sediment control are serious in nature and not without considerable justification including opinions of professionals who provided advice in previous Forestry Tasmania documents. (Natural and Cultural Values Evaluation Sheet No 6. Soil and Water, revised by Chris Barry 8/2/2007 and Brett Warren 25/9/2007)

Slopes in the coupe to be logged are 26°, with logging occurring on slopes below 19°. As you know the landslide hazard threshold stated in the Forest Practices Code is 15°.

Forestry Tasmania documents indicate the soils in this area to be of moderate to high erodability. Our experience is that the soils in this area are highly erosive in nature. The impact of logging on the neighbouring catchment on similar soils but lower slopes resulted in long term impacts on the quality of drinking water and the aquatic life in the creek.

We are very disappointed at the lack of Erosion and Sediment Control planning by Forestry Tasmania given the importance of this catchment for our local community drinking water supply.



Given the nature of the site and the proximity to our privately owned lands and buildings, we would also like to re-emphasise our request that burning not be used as a clean-up method on this site. We would welcome the opportunity to work with Forestry Tasmania to use this project as a pilot for alternative regeneration methods.

Small and important concessions have been reached, and we are grateful for those, but there is opportunity for much greater attention to the impacts of these operations on the local community on the part of Forestry Tasmania. With respect, draft documents provided to us suggest Forestry Tasmania considers its communications with the Canaways Community Group to constitute Community Consultation. To us Community Consultation means that **core** agreements based in **real compromise** are reached and we don't believe this has occurred.

We believe inclusion of a thinning operation and increased buffer zones would present a genuine compromise to eliminate likely and actual environmental harm and strongly request Forestry Tasmania change the harvest prescription to include a thinning operation.

We note and appreciate your commitment to present the Forest Practices Plan to the Canaways Creek Community Group for review prior to submission to the Forest Practices Authority. We would like to arrange for this to take place at a mutually convenient time.

We note and thank you for the following commitments which Forestry Tasmania have already made to the Canaways Creek Community Group:

1. That all soil and debris produced in the road construction process to be trucked out.
2. Creek crossings to be timber construction using methods preventing disturbance of the creek bed, and water runoff resulting from road construction.
3. That there will be no use of chemical pesticides or herbicides in any of the Tyenna operations areas.
4. To include re-habilitation in the roading, harvesting and re-forestation in the FPP
5. To include roading, harvesting and re-forestation schedules and final inspection dates in the FPP
6. To provide the CCCG with the current Special Values Reports and supporting material.
7. That Forestry Tasmania supervise all road construction to the description provided, on a daily basis.
8. To implement a joint CCCG/Forestry Tasmania inspection program.
9. Restrict log truck movements to specified hours.
10. To use the email list provided by the CCCG to disseminate information, including providing the water monitoring program results to date, as was agreed.

As you know, Forestry Tasmania has a general environmental responsibility to take all steps practicable to prevent or minimise environmental harm or nuisance arising from its activities.

Sincerely

For the Canaway's Creek Community Group