



The Honourable Paul O'Halloran MP  
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Dear Mr O'Halloran, *Dear Paul*

I write to thank you for alerting us to the reference to WWF during Tasmanian Parliament recently, in relation to Ta Ann's forestry operations. According to the Hansard transcript you forwarded, Independent MP Paul Harriss made the following claim:

*I met with the Penan elders, I spoke with the World Wildlife Fund. They are the pre-eminent environmental watchdog in Malaysia. I have said from this lectern before, Madam President, they set Ta Ann at the pinnacle of forest operations in Malaysia.*

We checked this statement with our counterparts in WWF-Malaysia, with whom Mr Harriss met on his visit to Malaysia. WWF-Malaysia have confirmed they did not say, nor did they ever imply or convey, that they consider Ta Ann to be at the pinnacle of forest operations in Malaysia.

We recognise that there is a degree of ambiguity in the Hansard around which party is attributed to making the Ta Ann reference. However, from our perspective, it is incorrect that this claim be attributed to WWF.

We have sent a letter to Mr Harriss to express our concern regarding this potential attribution.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please email Leanne Elliott at [lellot@wwf.org.au](mailto:l Elliot@wwf.org.au) and she would be happy to arrange a time.

Yours sincerely,

*with thanks.*

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