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Dear Members of the Legislative Council,

Timber Communitas Australia (TCA) has been exposed as being a deceptive front group for the timber industry, via an article published on Tasmanian Times ([read it here](#)).

I am therefore gravely concerned about the integrity of Tasmania's Upper House, with Paul Harriss' known membership of TCA and a recent inference by Lara Giddings that other Upper House members are also members of TCA. Paul Harriss' appointment by the Upper House to be chairman of the Select Committee for the Tasmanian Forestry Agreement Bill 2012 reveals a blatant Conflict of Interest. Surely a competent and responsible member of the Upper House would have recognised this conflict, and withdrawn from any participation in this Select Committee? The same can be said for any other Upper House members on this committee who also have membership of the TCA, or of any other vested interest group.

It beggars belief that parliamentary representatives would not have knowledge about the true nature of the TCA. I therefore call upon Upper House TCA members to resign for participating in a charade that undermines democratic governance standards in Tasmania. This has brought discredit upon the Upper House, and I also submit that a Royal Commission (known as a "Commission of Inquiry" in Tasmanian legislation) is now needed to restore public confidence in our government.

I am requesting an article be published on Tasmanian Times, attaching this email.

Best regards,  
Kev Rothery