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Dr Phill Pullinger, Director, Environment Tasmania
Mr Lyndon Schneiders, National Campaign Director, the Wilderness Society
Mr Don Henry, Director, the Australian Conservation Foundation

Via email: gemma.tillack@et.org.au

Dear Dr Pullinger, Mr Schneiders, and Mr Henry,

Thank you for your letter received on the 28th of February this year, regarding the Tasmanian Forests Statement of Principles to lead to an Agreement, and the urgent action required to implement the agreed moratorium, sent on behalf of your respective organisations.

As you are aware, the Tasmanian Greens, while not part of the Forests Principles process, have supported that process and recognise the significant opportunity it presents to securing our unique world-class high conservation value forests, as well as restructure our timber industry into one of which all Tasmanians can be proud.

We also recognise that the Forest Principles process, and the Kelty implementation negotiations currently underway are predicated upon immense good-will demonstrated by all participating conservation, union and industry representatives.

This good-will must not be squandered.

It is the view of the Tasmanian Greens that the public statement issued by the Federal Environment Minister, the Hon Tony Burke MP, and the then-Premier, the Hon. David Bartlett MP, on the 14th of December 2010, has given the community a legitimate expectation that the moratorium will be in place by the 15th of March this year.

Responsibility for directing Forestry Tasmania to implement the moratorium resides with the Forests Minister, the Hon. Bryan Green MP. I will be writing to the Minister and to the Premier requesting their immediate co-operation in this matter.

Thank you for bringing this very important matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

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