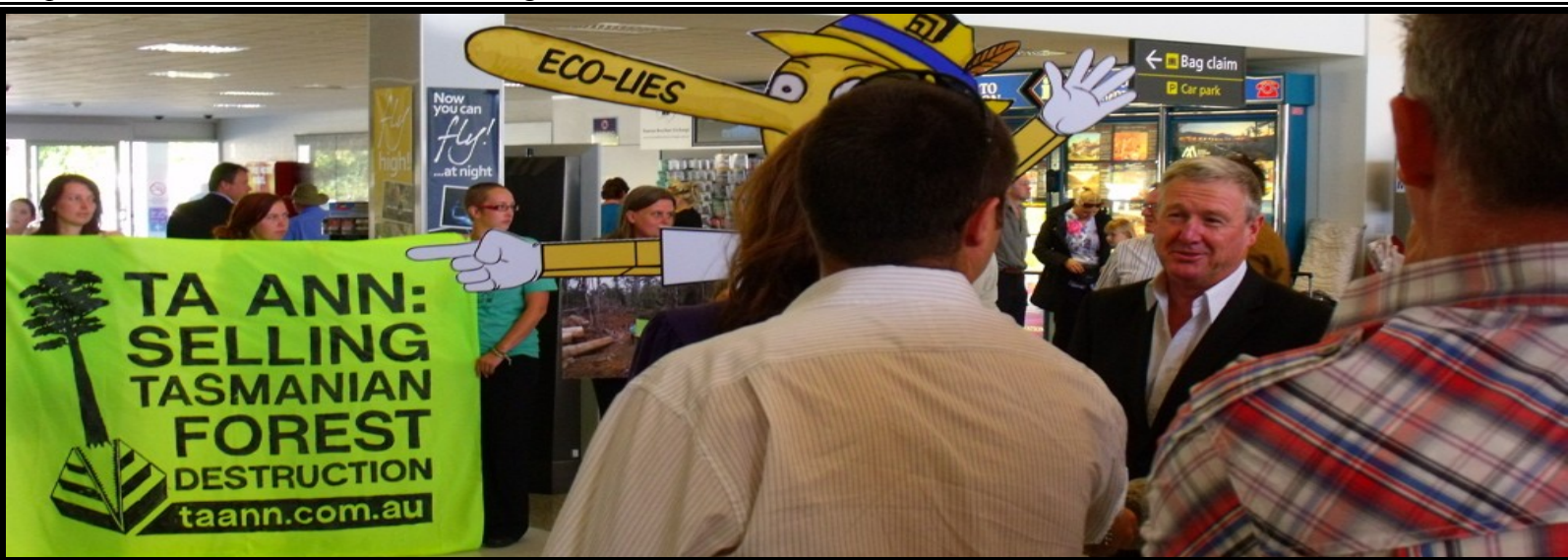


Quite a few people will have heard of Pinocchio, the puppet-boy, given life by Geppetto. Pinocchio was a bad puppet-boy and once, when he told a lie to a nice fairy who had saved him, his wooden nose started to grow. It grew to an embarrassing length. The fairy forgave him however, and called a flock of woodpeckers to peck his nose back to its proper length.



“As Tasmania’s Deputy Premier arrives home from his Asian trade mission, during which he met representatives of Ta Ann and Ta Ann’s customer companies in Japan, questions must be asked about whether he truthfully explained the source of Ta Ann’s wood supply and explained that it is not “eco-friendly” let alone plantation based. Did he discuss with Ta Ann an immediate halt to the logging within high conservation value forests in order to help the company retrieve its battered environmental reputation?” Actually, Bryan Green was not home by a long shot. As punters flew into Launceston Airport for the Launceston Cup, he made his way towards the baggage carousel and was greeted by forest defenders from forest activist groups. The media were also there, waiting for the Minister.



So we held up our banners and distributed leaflets and the press asked their questions.

Bryan Green, the member for Braddon, is our Deputy Premier and holds the portfolios of Primary Industries and Water, Energy and Resources, Local Government, Planning and Racing. This last possibly explains why he chose to fly into Launceston on Cup Day, on his way back from Asia. I believe the Premier was also in attendance.



'Pinocchio protest' – ABC LOCAL NEWS

“Anti-logging protesters greeted Mr Green with a cardboard cut-out of Pinocchio when he flew into Launceston airport this morning from an Asian trade mission.

Mr Green has spent the last nine days touring Singapore, Japan and China to drum up support for the state's forestry, mining, agricultural and wind energy sectors.

The protesters tried to quiz the Deputy Premier about whether he had been telling the truth to timber companies overseas.

Mr Green brushed off the questions.

“A fantastic welcome reception,” he said.

Mr Green described the trip as positive and said he was able to reassure timber customers that Tasmanian forest products meet the highest international standards.

He said timber customers expressed concern about environmental campaigns but he assured them that the forest peace agreement would resolve the unrest.”

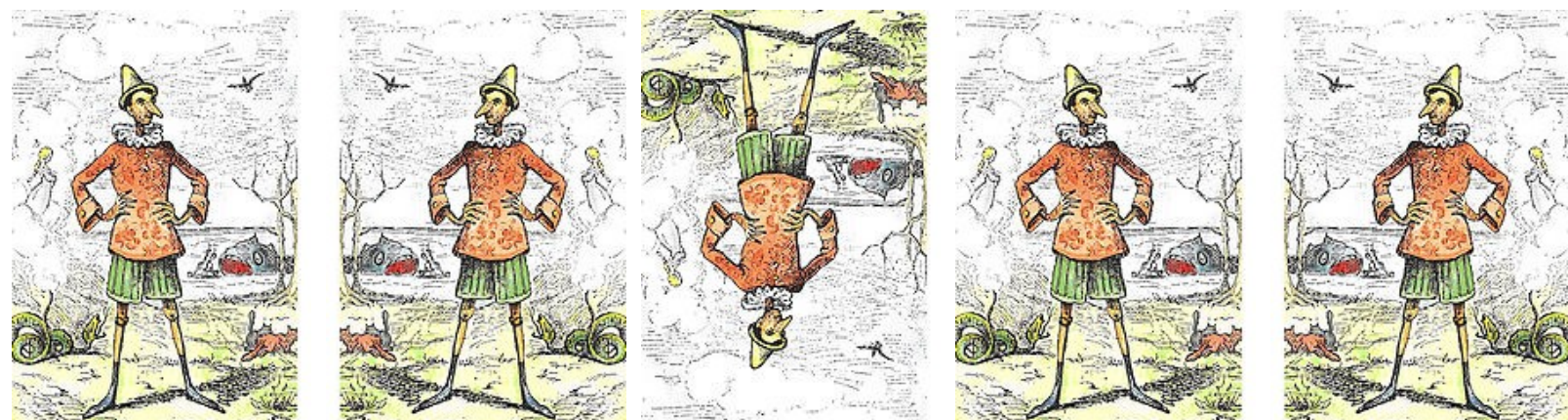


He said: *'timber customers expressed concern about environmental campaigns but he assured them that the forest peace agreement would resolve the unrest'* – ABC.

NOT WHILE YOU'RE LOGGING INSIDE THE 430 - MINISTER!

“Everyone knows Pinocchio’s reputation, and now his nose for half-truths and misleading greenwash has led him to the Tasmanian forests and the stories being told about them by the Deputy Premier and Ta Ann in Japan. Giant Pinocchio visited logging coupes in the Picton Valley yesterday, and was absolutely appalled by the fact that destructive logging operations are continuing in these world-class forests, and furthermore, that Japanese companies are being misled to believe they are buying “eco-friendly” products sourced from these sites of environmental destruction” said Ula Majewski, Campaign Manager of The Last Stand. (Ula Majewski, Jenny Webber, [The Last Stand: Giant Pinocchio sniffs out forestry lies & joins Ta Ann campaign - Is this why Ta Ann Tasmania operates at a loss?](#))

FACT 1 *Ta Ann Holdings claim in their Annual Reports, and their Japanese business partner SMKC advertise on their website, that their plywood flooring is eco-friendly and is made from plantation eucalypt. Yet in Tasmania Ta Ann is on the record saying that they cannot use plantations and rely on wood sourced from logging native forests, including from ENGO recognised high conservation value forests.* Native forests across Australia are still being smashed by large-scale logging operations – Last Stand





FINALLY the Minister gets his baggage and walks to his waiting car. He greets Scott McLean (CFMEU) who coincidentally was chatting to Bryan's people. Actually I think I heard him use the word 'lies' in relation to the protest. His remark reminded me of the time when there was a forest industry rally in Launceston, workers only paid if they attended and got their names ticked off, total numbers (by counted heads in photos) less than 950, yet Scott Mclean claimed an "audited" figure of – what was it – 10,000 or so? And next day John Gay bumped it up again... 'upwards of 11,000'? Ah, those were the days!

FACT 2 The Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement signed in August explicitly provided that 430,000 ha of the HCV claim would be immediately given interim protection in its entirety, and best efforts would be made to confine logging outside the 572,000 HCV area. Instead business as usual logging has continued, including inside the 430,000 ha, with the complicity of the Deputy Premier and Forestry Tasmania – thus breaching the signed agreement of the Prime Minister and the Tasmanian Premier.

FACT 3 Official reports on the scheduling of the logging state that Ta Ann's requirements are driving the logging inside the HCV areas.



Take Action - Dob in Ta Ann for selling Tasmania's magnificent forests as 'eco' wood!

It's hard to believe, but one of Malaysia's biggest wood cartels is ripping through the Tasmanian wilderness, sourcing wood that comes from the destruction of high conservation value forests and selling it in Japan as "eco-friendly" plywood. **FACT 4** Ta Ann Tasmania insist that they require access to native forests, including the HCV forests, for the next 25-30 years.

FACT 5 Although Ta Ann can only mill logs of small dimensions this does not mean that they only take logs from previously logged and replanted second growth forests - although this is misleadingly implied in their Tasmanian pamphlets



THE PRESS CONFERENCE: Ula Majewski (The Last Stand) defending our forests.

THE LAST STAND is a new action-focused environmental organisation campaigning for an immediate end to the industrial-scale destruction of Australia's native forests. The Last Stand are working on a markets-based campaign, focusing on Australian retail companies that profit from forest destruction.

By [barranca](#) The Forest

The loggers leave a path:
mud streaks, hewn branches, stumps, scarred trees, boulders askew-
marks left as if a titan has been dragged screaming through the forest.

The formerly peaceful walk
through the worshipping trees is now a tormented vision as of a battlefield done,
the leavings of Grendel's feast strewn about.

And next year they will be marked again with circles of paint
like numbers tattooed on wrists waiting for the train.

The conversation of the trees is now stunted--
a stricken, amazed silence echoes.

The caretakers count their 30 pieces of silver.
The loggers count their board-feet and drink another beer.

