

19th August 2014

SUBMISSION TO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

The Hon President Mr Jim Wilkinson MLC and Honorable Members of the Legislative Council

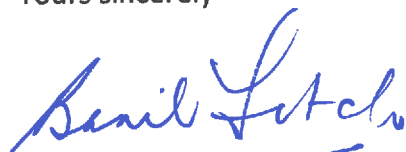
Subject : Forestry (Rebuilding the Forest Industry) Bill 2014 (Bill No.6)

I am gravely concerned that the passing of current legislation before the Legislative Council will have an adverse effect on people of Tasmania: (Shareholders of Forestry) on the following grounds.

1. That Conflict will re-emerge between Forestry-Environmental Groups – sawmillers – contractors – workers and shareholders.
2. Recent poll in the media states 92% of Tasmanians are sick and tired of forestry.
3. For 30 years Forestry have caused chaos in this state and have been subsidised both directly and indirectly by billions of dollars from Federal and State Government funding.
4. Forestry Tasmania customers have enjoyed supply of logs at prices under cost (refer Auditor General Reports).
5. Forestry Tasmania balance sheets show total losses in the hundreds of millions of dollars and assets have dropped from 1 Billion to next to nothing.
6. I believe Forestry Tasmania G.B.E. to be in breach of the act and should be placed in liquidation.
7. That the board and management have knowingly sold it's products under cost which is detrimental to its shareholders and in breach of the Company Act.
8. That the current legislation before the house is virtually no different to that passed previous. (9 for and 5 against.)
9. If legislation is passed FSC certification – Ta Ann and overseas customers will again be affected.
10. Ratepayers of local government have paid high rate increases due to repairs and replacement of roads – Bridges and infrastructure caused by thousands of log truck movements in their municipality.
11. Road toll removed by Gray government 1983.
12. The current losses by FT and subsidies received are depriving government of funds for essential services.

13. The Labor and Liberal governments have spent billions of dollars on road infrastructure North East to George Town bypass. Dilston has empty water pipes still in the ground (water from Trevallyn Lake to Pulp Mill). Gunns still have not paid for some \$280,000.
PULP MILL – RPDC - THE LIST GOES ON AND NO RETURN TO SHAREHOLDERS.
14. Alleged finance advisor's paid up to 40% commission from M.I.S. schemes an estimated 10 Billion dollars lost by investors into Gunns – M.I.S. Schemes.
15. Secrecy shrouds all GBE's and subsidiary companies. WHY ?
16. We the so called shareholders have never been consulted over the function of Forestry Tasmania and denied any input into its function. WE ARE TREATED LIKE MUSHROOMS !
17. I call on members to form a committee of all members to investigate the functions of Forestry in this state.
18. I ask the Forestry (Rebuilding the Forest Industry) Bill 2014 be deferred pending a report.

Yours sincerely



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