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Dear Mr Powell

I refer to your email dated 6 July 2012 regarding your offer to purchase an area of state forest – Coupe BA388D.

Forestry Tasmania is bound by legislation to manage state forest for multiple uses, however a recent valuation process established that Forestry Tasmania does not 'own' Crown Land.

Under the *Forestry Act 1920*, it has no authority to revoke the dedication of Crown Land that has been declared state forest. Furthermore, revocation may only occur under particular circumstances, and only then, by the recommendation of the Tasmanian Planning Commission and with the approval of both Houses of Parliament.

I believe you have been previously made aware of the legal arrangements for gaining access to property through state forest using a forestry road. Forestry Tasmania has many such arrangements including access licenses and easements with property owners and lease holders who require access through state forest.

Thank you also for your email of 30 March 2012, drawing to the Government's attention public comments concerning Coupe BA388D, and thank you for your opinions on forest practices.

You will be aware that negotiations are currently underway between environmental non-government organisations and industry, and the Government is looking forward to the outcomes of those negotiations.

Thank you for taking the time to write to us.

Yours sincerely

Bryan Green MP  
**Minister for Energy & Resources**