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Celebrated Photographers Support Tassie Forests Campaigners' Legal Struggle

**Frontline: Forests and Freedom of Speech in Tasmania. Gunns 13
Wilderness Exhibition.**

Where: Sidespace Gallery, Salamanca Arts Centre, Hobart.

When: Opening Friday 27th August, 6.30 pm. Exhibition will be opened by Nick McKim, leader of the Tasmanian Greens. Exhibition runs 27th August-September 5th.

Artworks from some of Tasmania's most renowned and respected wilderness photographers will be showcased in an exhibition to help raise awareness and funds for embattled forest campaigners facing a civil lawsuit from Gunns Limited.

Works from well known Tasmanian photographers including Peter Dombrovskis, Olegas Truchanas, Bob Brown, Rob Blakers, Wolfgang Glowacki and many more will feature in the Frontline exhibition, which will be opened by Greens Minister Nick McKim this Friday 27th August.

"This is a rare opportunity to view and purchase photographic prints from famous Tasmanian photographers such as the late Peter Dombrovskis and Olegas Truchanas, who were passionate about the protection of Tasmania's unique environment," said exhibition organiser and Gunns 13 defendant Will Mooney.

"The Tasmanian wilderness photography on display is world class. International recognition and awards are testament to the talent of the island's photographers. Peter Dombrovskis' iconic Rock Island Bend was recently named as one of the world's top 40 nature pictures of all time by the International League of Conservation Photographers," Mr Mooney said.

"While the high profile Gunns 20 case was concluded last January, Gunns Limited continues to pursue 13 Tasmanian forest activists over a protest at the Triabunna wood chip mill in December 2008. Activists face the very real threat of injunctions and bankruptcy as well as the personal costs and stress of facing a multi million dollar corporation in the courts," Mr Mooney said.

The Frontline exhibition celebrates Tasmanians' commitment to appreciating and defending their precious ecosystems. All funds from artworks sold will contribute to help the Gunns 13 defend themselves and continue the campaign to protect Tasmania's forests.

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The Black Sassy Collective is a community collective of artisans, poets, creatives and musicians, inspired by the wilds of Tasmanian forests, rivers and seas. It focuses on encouraging and empowering, inspiring and educating peoples about the beauty and integral nature of being part of these wild lands. The collective is based at the Huon Valley Environment Centre, Tasmania.