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Senator C Milne
Parliament House
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Dear Senator Milne

PREMIER GIDDINGS' STATEMENT REFERRING TO AN INCIDENT OF TREE SPIKING

I refer to your correspondence of 20 February 2012 to Commissioner Hine, in respect of allegations of tree spiking at Ta Ann Veneer Mill. As a consequence of this matter being brought to his attention, Commissioner Hine referred your correspondence to me for consideration.

In respect of your specific concerns regarding the allegation of tree spiking I can advise Tasmania Police were informed of this matter on 17 February 2012. The incident you refer to was investigated by members from the Kingston Police Division. Due to a lack of evidence, the investigation was unable to determine the source of the logs, the relationship between damage to saws and metal objects, nor the circumstances of how the metal objects came to be found in the logs. With no offence having been established, there has not been any communication with any party concerning an identity of any perpetrators.

Please be assured Tasmania Police investigate all complaints made to them, with the available evidence determining the scope of the investigation and ultimately whether charges are laid.

In respect of your general enquiry concerning tree spiking I am unable to provide specific information concerning allegations however, I can confirm there have been no recent charges laid by Tasmania Police.

I thank you for bringing your concerns to the attention of Tasmania Police.

Yours sincerely

DONNA ADAMS
Assistant Commissioner
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