

Additional Signatory Support for implementation of TFA

1. The signatories to the Tasmanian Forest Agreement 2012 (the TFA) re-affirm their commitment to that agreement and to the signatory MOU of 31 January 2013 and will continue to work to honour those commitments.
2. In addition, the following agreed position has been reached after discussions between TFA signatories, Governments and other parties to maximise the opportunity for the successful implementation of the TFA using the amended legislative framework passed by Tasmania's Upper House.
3. Although not all aspects of the amended TFA Bill are supported by all signatories to the TFA, signatories believe that the unique opportunities afforded by the TFA are of such importance for the future of the industry, conservation and the Tasmanian community that they are willing to work with the TFA Bill legislative framework to implement the Agreement and support the TFA Vision for Tasmania's Forests.
4. Signatories will work together with Government and Forestry Tasmania to ensure that the commitments contained in the Implementation Assistance Document (IAD), as attached, are met in full.
5. Through the Special Council, signatories commit to progress and resolve all processes outlined in the TFA, including the Special Species Process and the Residues Process, in keeping with the attainment and retention of FSC.
6. Signatories agree that the calculation of the required yield for the purposes of TFA Cl9 review and Cl 10 (A) in the TFA Bill, will: be done in a manner consistent with the terms of the TFA; be delivered on a full cost recovery basis; and be consistent with the achievement and maintenance of full FSC certification.
7. Signatories will work together in the markets to gain acceptance for products that are processed from forest resource that is harvested consistent with the TFA and will endeavour to reflect this in a Compact between signatories, industry and key customers.
8. Signatories will work together to seek to achieve tri-partisan parliamentary political support for the TFA and its outcomes.
9. Further, signatories commit to continue to work actively with their members, constituents and the broader Tasmanian community on education and awareness of the TFA and the opportunities it presents for Tasmania and to continue to build community support for the TFA outcomes.

30th April 2013