20th August, 2012

Dear Customer of Ta Ann,

We are writing to update you on the positive progress of negotiations about the future of Tasmanian forests and wood supply following our letter to you of the 1st June 2012. As a buyer of Tasmania forests products we continue to respectfully request that you not make any decisions that could adversely affect Tasmanian suppliers during the current negotiations that are now closer to achieving a sustainable future for the forest industries in Tasmania.

Our organizations, along with representatives from Forest Industries and Unions released a consensus 'Interim Agreement' last week that is attached for your information, along with a statement. This represents tangible progress and has broad support. It has been commended by the Tasmanian and Commonwealth Governments.

These negotiations are now closer to finding a sustainable path forward for industry, workers and local communities, and the environment, and together we have called for our members and constituents to support the finalization of the negotiations. Important issues remain to be worked on and negotiators will meet in September and October if necessary to attempt in good faith to conclude our work. The continuing positive support for the IGA process from TAT is helpful to the parties negotiating an agreement.

Successful negotiations over the next two months hold the real prospect of protecting important forest areas and identifying a sustainable wood supply with broad community support and we are urging that these important negotiations be given every chance of success.

We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Yours sincerely,

Don Henry
Chief Executive Officer
Australian Conservation Foundation

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The Wilderness Society