

We understand that Forestry Tasmania has a general environmental responsibility to take all steps practicable to prevent or minimise environmental harm or nuisance arising from its activities.

If Forestry Tasmania is genuinely committed to fulfilling its responsibilities to community consultation by implementation of actions, which address our concerns, then the only acceptable harvest method to enhance and protect our water supply is a ground based thinning operation.

With the amount of work involved it has become unrealistic to leave the next meeting until May 2007. We would like that meeting re-scheduled for March 2007,

We would like to discuss the content of this letter and to walk the second proposed access route and identify what assistance the Canaway's Creek Community Group can provide regarding installing a flow meter monitoring program.

Sincerely

For the Canaway's Creek Community Group

4. Regardless of which access road is finally chosen – either extension of Cason’s Road (route 1) or the extension of Tyenna 5 Road (route 2) that all soil and debris produced in the road construction process to be trucked out
5. Creek crossings will be of a particular design to prevent water running into the creek
6. We note and thank you for your commitment to apply additional watercourse protection by enlarging all streamside reserves to 100m, thereby providing adequate sediment filter.
7. That there will be no chemical use, pesticides or herbicides, in any of the Tyenna operations areas.
8. We note and appreciate your commitment to present the Forest Practices Plan to the Canaways Creek Community Group for review (preferably 3-4 weeks) prior to it’s submission to the Forest Practices Authority.
9. That roading operations providing access to TN026C are scheduled to commence no earlier than November 2007.
10. We further understand coups TN026A and TN027F will commence within the next few years and it is our expectation that consultation will continue in relation to the direct impact these operations will also have.
11. To involve the Canaways Creek Community Group in the design of the Forest Practices Plan
12. To include roading (including re-habilitation), harvesting and re-forestation plans in the FPP
13. To include roading, harvesting and re-forestation schedules and final inspection dates in the FPP
14. To provide the CCCG with the Special Values Reports and supporting material
15. That Forestry Tasmania will supervise all road construction, to the description provided, on a daily basis.
16. To implement a joint CCCG/Forestry Tasmania inspection program
17. Restrict log truck movements to specified hours
18. To use the email list provided by the CCCG to disseminate information

Can you please confirm that we share the same understanding of these commitments?

We note the draft of the Lake Fenton/Lady Barron Creek Drinking Water Catchment Management Plan has just been released.

The Water Management Act 1999 provides for water management plans for streams and catchments. Does Forestry Tasmania have a Water Management Plan in place for this particular area, or has Forestry Tasmania written or contributed to a Water Management Plan for this area?

With regard to the objectives of the State Policy on Water Quality Management 1997, we are extremely concerned that the proposed cable and ground based logging operation will in no way maintain or enhance water quality of Canaway’s Creek and that the choice of cable logging as the preferred method of harvesting will prejudice the achievement of water quality Objectives.

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Dear Rod

Further to our consultation and correspondence re:

Proposed logging operations in Canaway's Creek catchment.

In our community consultation process with you, we have talked about a variety of practicable steps that could be taken to minimise impacts on the environment.

We believe the cable and ground based forest logging operation that you are proposing decreases the likelihood of preventing or minimising environmental harm or nuisance. It also does not demonstrate good faith toward mitigating likely negative environmental impacts on our water supply.

Is it true that the decision to carry out this type of forest operation is already made?

Community consultation implies that core agreements based in compromise are reached during the consultation process.

We believe a thinning operation presents a genuine measure to, as much as possible, eliminate likely or actual environmental harm.

We strongly request Forestry Tasmania change the harvest prescription to a thinning operation.

We also believe a complete water monitoring program, including flow meters, could be installed for 12 months prior to operations commencing again, this would demonstrate a genuine commitment to fulfilling general environmental duties.

We ask that Forestry Tasmania consider these two proposals and provide a response.

We note and thank you for the following commitments that have already been made:

1. To provide the group with detailed geological survey results prior to making a final decision on the final access route.
2. To walk the second proposed route and to discuss the geological survey at that time.
3. To choose a road route that minimizes disturbance of steep slopes and erodable soils.