

Comments in support of Ta Ann Tasmania 13/14 Feb 2012

Name/portfolio	Dept/Organisation	Summary comments/quote
The Hon Julia Gillard MP Prime Minister of Australia	Federal Government	"This must include the end of campaigns which seek to sabotage timber communities. These campaigns don't just attack jobs, they attack the chances of protecting our forests
The Hon. Simon Crean MP Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government	Federal Government	Irresponsible campaigns against Tasmania's overseas timber market are sabotaging local jobs and can only result in worse environmental outcomes
The Hon. Tony Burke MP Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	Federal Government	The Government rejects any accusations that Ta Ann Tasmania has been harvesting or using timber in a way that contravenes the Intergovernmental Agreement.
Senator the Hon. Joe Ludwig Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry	Federal Government	That agreement includes a guarantee that all existing wood supply contracts (including Ta Ann Tasmania's contracts) will continue to be honoured
The Hon. Greg Combet AM MP Minister for Industry and Innovation	Federal Government	sales to Japan had fallen by 50 per cent as a result of persistent protest activities by environmental groups – particularly Markets for Change.
The Hon. Sid Sidebottom Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Member for Braddon	Federal Government	The protests by forest activists against the market fly in the face of the responsible, community-driven approach taken by both governments
SENATOR THE HON RICHARD COLBECK Senator for Tasmania Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Fisheries and Forestry Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Innovation, Industry and Science	Federal Opposition	The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) is now the weapon of choice for the ENGOs and the Greens in their job killing campaign
David O'Byrne, MP Minister for Economic Development	Tasmanian Government	Mr O'Byrne said news Ta Ann will shed up to 40 jobs at its Huon and Smithton mills was deeply concerning. "These fringe environmental groups are misleading global markets about what is happening in the Tasmanian forest industry and it is costing people their jobs We call on these green grp be part of solution and not part of the problem
Hon Will Hodgman MP Leader of the Opposition	State Opposition	Condemned Greens

Shadow Minister for Economic Development		
Jeremy Rockliff MP Deputy Leader of the Opposition Shadow Minister for Health Shadow Minister for Primary Industries and Water Shadow Minister for Workplace Relations	State Opposition	Supported Ta Ann Tasmania, will hold media conference at Smithton
Peter Gutwein MP Shadow Treasurer Shadow Minister for Industry Shadow Minister for Forestry	State Opposition	On ABC radio defending Ta Ann Tasmania
Tas Legislative Council Paul Harriss, Ruth Forrest + 10 others	Upper House, responsible to approve laws creating any reserves	12 of the 15 MPs in Tasmania's upper house took the unusual step of announcing they would block any legislation to create more native forest reserves if such "eco-terrorism" continued.
Ruth Forrest MLC	Electorate covers Smithton	Led MLCs
Paul Harriss MLC	Electorate covers Huon	Hosted media conference and stated no reserves unless market action ceases.
Jane Calvert, CFMEU	Union	Wealthy hobbyists must take responsibility
Rob Wallace, TCCI	Commerce	Business condemns Extreme environmentalists
Terry Edwards FIAT	Forest Industry	Withdraws from IGA until market restored
Ed Vincent	Forest Contractors	Supports withdrawal from IGA
Barry Chipman, TCA	Community	Black day for Smithton and Huon, supports workers, families and communities, condemns greens
Robert Armstong	Mayor of Huon Valley	Radio statement supporting TAT workers and families in the Huon
Alan Duggan	Community Leader, HRDG	RFA specifies sustainable harvest, disputed Peg Putts claims, and stated that native forests were eco- friendly
Neville Bennett	Community Member	As an former Australian soldier, believes green actions are treason
Julian Amos	Opinion Writer Mercury	the appalling and dishonest campaign against Ta Ann and Forestry Tasmania should be condemned by all Government Ministers, including McKim.

Media reports

There has been extensive coverage in the Mercury, Examiner and Advocate, on ABC Radio including AM, talk back, Drive and news bulletins. The job loss was debated in the Senate last night at 7.30pm local time.

The Following media release can be read:

Federal Government: http://www.environment.gov.au/minister/burke/2012/mr20120213.html?utm_source=mins&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=feed

Tasmanian Government <http://www.media.tas.gov.au/release.php?id=34232>

And <http://www.media.tas.gov.au/release.php?id=34225>

Liberals http://www.tas.liberal.org.au/default.cfm?action=news_detail&ID=12968

TCCI http://www.tcci.com.au/upfiles/tcci/cont/media_releases/2012/130201_activitists_.pdf

CFMEU <http://www.cfmeuffpd.org.au/news/5130.html>

Legislative Council

<http://www.taanntas.com.au/userfiles/Documents/leg%20co%2013%20Feb%2012.pdf>

FIAT <http://www.taanntas.com.au/userfiles/Documents/FIAT.pdf>