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ANTI FORESTRY PUBLICITY STUNT IGNORES TASMANIAN FORESTRY AS GREENHOUSE FRIENDLY

Law breaking anti forestry activist Protestors harassing forest workers at Triabunna are ignoring the fact that Tasmania has one million hectares of old growth forests reserved for Carbon storage.

These law breaking activists are also ignoring the fact that foresters regenerate and replant trees after harvest creating a new sink for carbon storage.

These law breaking activists also refuse to admit that the wood and paper products we use every day store carbon.

“They always seem to start on the basis that no conservation achievements have been by Tasmania; they seem not to know that 47% of Tasmania’s forests are reserved, over 4 times the international target.

“These law breaking activists are wrong to attack the Federal Government and Tasmanian timber dependent working families. They appear to have been lied to by their political masters.” Mr Barry Chipman, Tasmanian State Manager of Timber Communities Australia, said today.

TCA supports the Federal Governments confirmation that forestry is the only carbon positive industry and welcomes the Australian Greenhouse inventory that shows that Tasmania has reduced emission by 26% since the Kyoto 1990 base year.

The United Nations 2007 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports;
“*In the long term, a sustainable forest management strategy aimed at maintaining or increasing forest carbon stocks, while producing an annual sustained yield of timber, fibre or energy from the forest, will generate the largest sustained mitigation benefit*”

“These law breaking activists should read the international strategy to deal with greenhouse and they should find out the facts before being used as pawns in the political assault by the Greens on Tasmanian timber dependent working families”

“People who believe in the environment should be helping the developing world to manage their forests in the long term rather than attempting to close down Tasmania’s sustainable industry.” Mr Chipman concluded.

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