



MEDIA RELEASE

TFCA Outraged with Tasmanian Greens

The Tasmanian Forest Contractors Association LTD (TFCA) is outraged by a media release distributed by Greens candidate Kim Booth MHA that infers there is an alliance between the Greens party and the TFCA.

Mr. David Hazell, Executive Officer of the TFCA said today, “Kim Booth has not discussed any of the contents of this release with the TFCA, in fact we have never spoken and it is a clearly an opportunistic approach from the Greens to construe a relationship that does not exist so that they can gain exposure at our expense.

Yes the TFCA are seeking fairer contracts, which is a matter for public record, however we would not support a political party who continually use lies and innuendos as a basis for creating public policy.

The audacity of Mr. Booth to suggest that they are supporting the Tasmanian Forest Contractors and the TFCA whilst they continually sensationalise the log truck sector and use extreme scare tactics full of mistruths is deplorable.

This astonishment is further exasperated when the Greens announced in this election their desire to lock away yet more forests, jeopardise more down stream processing initiatives and take away the livelihoods in the process of the very ‘forest contractors’ they claim to be supporting”.

Mr. Hazell said, “As for the Greens purporting to support forest contractors by legislating a levy to allow contractors to exit the industry, it is down right insulting when it was the Greens and the Wilderness Society that placed contractors in this very position, unjustifiably damaging our markets into Asia with continual and targeted rhetoric.

The TFCA and their members wish to send a clear message back to Mr. Booth and the Greens party, and that is; we will not be used for political grandstanding at the detriment of our members. Kim Booth should be ashamed for even suggesting he has the support of the Tasmanian Forest Contractors. Whilst the Greens continue to threaten our Industry and surround the Tasmanian public with scare tactics and outright mistruths about the sustainability of the Tasmanian forest industry, there will never be any cooperation between the Greens and the TFCA”.

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