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TCA WELCOMES FEDERAL ALP FOREST POLICY FOR TASMANIA

Timber Communities Australia is very much heartened by its first read of today's released ALP Forest Policy.

Tasmania's timber dependent families and their communities have been anxiously waiting for the release of the ALP's forest policy, a policy that could be critical to their long term security.

"Upon a first read it very heartening that the Federal ALP has confirmed the balance struck by the Tasmanian Community Forest Agreement is the correct balance and at long last we can move forward on that basis" Barry Chipman Tasmanian State Manager Timber Communities Australia said today.

TCA's national office will be meeting with the Federal ALP Leaders office this week to future discuss the social aspects of the policy.

"TCA is very pleased that the ALP policy is now looking at job enhancement that will be greatly assisted with major funding for the establishment of the Forest and Forest Products Industry Skills Council."

"Our dependent families will also be heartened by the policy's solid commitment to value adding and industry development program. Also positive to TCA is the Federal ALP's recognition of the major contribution sustainable forestry can play in reducing green house".

"In all the ALP Federal forest policy appears to be much in line with what our members were hoping for, it does indicate a commitment to secure the well being of timber dependent families and their communities not just in Tasmania but also nationally."

"With an equally supportive Federal Liberal forest policy we now approach the up coming federal election with great confidence that timber families will no longer be subjected to "political horse trading"". Mr Chipman concluded

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