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Time for Illegal Invasion to End

Timber Communities Australia calls on all anti forestry activists to respect forest dependent families' right to work by bring to end their illegal invasion of lawful timber harvesting work sites.

"It is time for these illegal invasions and blockades to end as forest dependent families have been putting up with disgraceful behavior from anti forestry activists for far to long now. Every one has a right to work including forest dependent families, which should be respected", Mr Barry Chipman Tasmanian State Manager Timber Communities Australia said today.

"If the anti forestry activists have issues with forest policy then Parliament House lawns is the place for approved protest, not cementing derelict car bodies onto forestry roads so as to timber harvesting work crews access to lawful work sites".

"TCA would ask all listening to this ongoing debate for just a second, to put themselves in the shoes of a forest dependent family, having to endure all to often illegal work site invasions and regularly being blockaded from going about their daily work and earning a living. How would they react?"

"Imagine if nurses and doctors where blockaded from entering the hospital or builders were stopped from doing their work, resulting in lose of family income, with out doubt there would be massive outrage."

"No Tasmanian family should be expected to endure for so long what forest dependent families have been subjected to. The continued illegal invasion of lawful work sites must end."

TCA supports the right to lawful protest (it it's self has conducted such action) there is a place for approved protest but a lawful work site is not that place.

TCA welcomes the State Governments call for timber harvesting families to be allowed to go about their daily work, without having to endure unjust provocation. With this call we now hope that the events of recent times will not surface again. Mr Chipman concluded.

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