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TIMBER COMMUNITIES WELCOME JOBS MISSION

Tasmanian members of Timber Communities Australia welcomes Treasurer Michael Aird's announcement of his "jobs mission" overseas visit.

TCA extends its full support to this effort by the State Government to advance the prospect of securing new job creating opportunities for the North West.

The Treasurer's wiliness to also extend internationally the State Government's support for the development of the Bell Bay pulp mill is very welcomed. This support is totally in line with a recent ministerial statement issued by the Federal Government.

"The State Government is to be applauded for this very positive move, for without question the importance of securing job creating opportunities has never been more important than right now," Barry Chipman Tasmanian State Manager said upon the announcement.

"The present global financial crisis is having a very negative impact upon all sectors of our state economy and any attempt to secure job creating opportunities for regional communities should be supported by the political process"

"This is the sort of practical support working families and regional communities seek from their elected representatives as we all battle to overcome the present global financial crisis"

"The State Government is to be applauded for this jobs mission and TCA now eagerly awaits the Treasurer's return with hopefully gifts of good news." Mr Chipman concluded

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