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Dear Sir,

Re: Fraud of Tasmanian Forest Contractors Exit Assistance Program

We are reporting to you that a Tasmanian logging company is logging in the foothills of Gulaga Mountain, in Bodalla State Forest Compartment 3043, in southern New South Wales for the State run agency Forests NSW.

It seems that the company, Kasun Logging, received \$825 000 to exit the native forest logging industry.¹ The Tasmanian Forest Contractors Exit Assistance Program provided up to \$17 million for exit assistance to harvest and/or haulage contracting businesses in the Tasmanian native forest harvest and haulage contracting sector who wish to leave the industry.² Funding was to be capped at \$750 000, however there was an additional GST bonus.³

It is our understanding that a fraud team from the federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry visited Tasmania to conduct interviews over detailed allegations of corruption and rorts.⁴

We would state that we have strong clear evidence that this company has not exited the native forest logging industry.

We would ask that you investigate this situation immediately.

Kind Regards,

L Stone

G. Daines

¹ See <http://daff.gov.au/forestry/national/tfceap/successful_applicants>.

See <http://www.themercury.com.au/article/2011/02/18/208081_tasmania-news.html>.

² Tasmanian Forest Contractors Exit Assistance Program Grant Program Guidelines November 2010

³ Tasmanian Forest Contractors Exit Assistance Program Grant Program Guidelines, above n2.

⁴ See <http://www.themercury.com.au/article/2011/02/18/208081_tasmania-news.html>.

