

Levelling the playing field: reforming forestry governance in Tasmania

Evening Forum – Burnie - This Thursday 11th March, 6pm Cradle-Coast Campus, University of Tasmania

A recently commissioned expert report into the regulation of Tasmania's forests & forests industry, '*Levelling the playing field: Reforming Forestry governance in Tasmania*' has found that Tasmania's forestry governance environment is a tilted playing field which favours extractive logging of State forests at the expense of conservation, tourism and community interests.

At the legal and regulatory level, the report found that the web of exemptions and special legislation surrounding forestry creates an impression among many of one law for forestry and another law for everyone else. The report makes a number of recommendations aimed at fixing this problem, such as the restructuring of Forestry Tasmania, and is seeking public comment. A small evening forum with the report author, governance expert, Dr Wynne Russell, is an opportunity for members of the public to discuss this issue, ask questions, raise concerns, and provide invaluable information into this important topic.

What: Evening forum – Levelling the forestry playing field – Reforming forestry governance in Tasmania

Where: University of Tasmania, Cradle-Coast Campus, Room D202 (located on Level 2 of the main building)

When: Thursday 11th, 6-7pm

Who:

Dr Wynne Russell, CS Dev Associates, governance expert and author, '*Levelling the playing field: Reforming Forestry governance in Tasmania*'

For More Information or for copies of the report: Environment Tasmania - (03) 6224 6319 www.et.org.au