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Forestry Tasmania has a bet each way on future of timber industry

In releasing their annual financial results today, Forestry Tasmania have signalled the potential for a major shift, whilst continuing to place a 'bet each way' on the timber industry's future.

"There are some surprising acknowledgments today from Forestry Tasmania of the reality that the timber industry is being forced in a new direction by environment groups and the community," said Dr Phill Pullinger, Director of Environment Tasmania.

"Acknowledging the possibility of a significant increase in forest reserves and a transition out of native forests logging, Forestry Tasmania signals the potential for a pragmatic approach to solving the forest conflict. If this transpires, it would be widely welcomed,"

"However, there continues to be major hurdles – and Forestry Tasmania are having a bet each way by pursuing the burning of native forests for power, whole-log exports, and native forests woodchip exports to China. All of these outcomes would de-rail a solution," he continued, "You only have to look at Forestry Tasmania's significant financial loss, the ongoing crisis within the industry, and ongoing community outrage to see that the timber industry needs to go in a completely new direction,"

Environment Tasmania is the peak body for Tasmanian environment & conservation groups – and represents over 20 Tasmanian environment groups with collective representation of over 5000 Tasmanians.

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