



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Triabunna Mill Sale

The Wilderness Society and Environment Tasmania welcome the reported sale of the Triabunna woodchip mill and the fact that the mill's operation, as reported in the media today, will be consistent with the Tasmanian forests agreement.

"We understand that there is a lot of anxiety out there in the timber industry at the moment, and we are encouraged that the buyers of the mill have indicated that they will lease-back the Triabunna mill to the timber industry for operation consistent with the Statement of Principles agreement and the transition away from logging native forests," said Vica Bayley, spokesperson from the Wilderness Society.

"We continue to be committed to working constructively with unions, timber contractors and the timber industry to deliver a lasting forests agreement in Tasmania – and believe that the future of Triabunna can be part of that," said Dr Pullinger, Director of Environment Tasmania.

"This builds on the already compelling calls for both the State and Federal Governments to get behind the forests agreement, protect Tasmania's unique and important native forests and support workers, contractors and saw-millers through a difficult industry restructure," said Mr Bayley.

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