



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Statement from environment groups on Tasmanian forest talks

Environment Tasmania and the Australian Conservation Foundation, the two environment groups currently engaged in the Tasmanian forest talks, have welcomed today's announcement by facilitator Bill Kelty that the parties to the negotiation have reached a substantial agreement.

"We acknowledge the work of Bill Kelty in helping the parties to reach an agreement that is consistent with the Statement of Principles," said Dr Phill Pullinger, Director of Environment Tasmania.

Mr Kelty announced today that the agreement has been delivered to the Federal and Tasmanian governments.

"It is now up to the Federal and Tasmanian governments to respond to and implement this historic agreement," said Don Henry, CEO of the Australian Conservation Foundation.

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