

OPEN LETTER TO:

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**Mr. Graham Wilkinson,
Chief Forest Practices Officer,
Forest Practices Board of Tasmania. (<http://www.FPB.TAS.GOV.AU>)
30 Patrick Street,
HOBART TAS 7000**

Dear Sir,

I am the publisher of Discover-Tasmania.com (<http://www.Discover-Tasmania.com>).

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I invite you to view the image "Obscenity 1" from the Styx valley at,
http://www.Discover-Tasmania.com/bury_wood.html#1

In relation to the said image, I further invite you to clarify the following points for me:

1. What part/s of the Tasmanian Forest Practices Code allow/s conduct such as shown in the image to take place.
2. How this conduct contributes to re-creating the thousands of forestry associated jobs lost to Tasmanians in current and past years.
3. What is the estimated tonnage of rare / rainforest / minor species timber (such as Celery Top Pine, Myrtle, Sassafras, Blackwood) buried within the woodpile as shown in the image.
4. What is the current estimated wholesale value of this rare / rainforest / minor species timber.
5. What is the estimated potential retail value of this rare / rainforest / minor species timber once it is manufactured into end products such as furniture, boatbuilding, crafts, house decor, etc.
6. What is the maximum temperature the wood pile will reach, once it is set alight.
7. How this said temperature compares with the temperature of a Natural Forest Fire and how this burn is said to replicate a Natural Forest Fire.
8. How the energy released by the burning of the whole coup (encompassing the image) compares with the release of energy by the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima.

9. What is the tonnage of greenhouse gasses and solid particles released into the atmosphere by the burning of this whole coup.
10. What tonnage of soil has eroded and will erode into nearby river and stream water by this whole coup since this human disturbance and intervention.
11. In relation to the whole coup, how many native animals were killed and injured by the clearfelling of this coup.
12. In relation to the whole coup, how many native animals will be killed by the future burning of this coup and their later poisoning by the practice of animal baiting.
13. Will this coup be re-planted with genetically modified trees engineered to be non flowering and in any event, what is the variety of species that is to be re-planted.
14. Will this deforestation and re-planting with monoculture species induce local climate change and/or assist in global climate change.
15. Are the trees that are to be re-planted for woodchip / pulp use only.
16. Is the world woodchip / pulp market likely to ever falter.
17. How many times can this coup be re-planted and harvested before the soil is degraded and to what extent will it be degraded and when will it not support this activity any more.
18. Are there any Commonwealth or Tasmanian laws being contravened by the activity depicted in the Obscenity 1 image or any activities associated with it.

Yours faithfully,



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