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Dear Mr Gregson

Thank you for your letter dated 9 November 2005 to Ms Joanna Hewitt, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, concerning applications for authorisations A90973 and A90974 lodged by the Tasmanian Forest Contractors Association Ltd (TFCA).

As advised in our letter dated 26 July 2005, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is not able to comment on whether the benefits arising from approval of the TFCA's application would outweigh the public detriments from lessened competition. The Department therefore does not intend to seek a conference or lodge a submission on the draft determination issued by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission.

Thank you for keeping the Department informed of progress with the TFCA's applications.

Yours sincerely

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