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Mr Scott Gregson
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Australian Competition & Consumer Commission
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Dear Sir

**Tasmanian Forest Contractors Association Ltd –
Application for Authorisations A90973 & A90974
Consultation in respect of the ACCC's Draft Determination**

Further to the last consultation on this matter (19 December 2005), I would like to reiterate Forestry Tasmania's (FT) response to this issue and its support of the Draft Determination.

Through the consultative process, it has been made very clear the industry position on this is consistent between all parties.

FT has not changed its position as detailed with you in previous interviews and correspondence.

We would like to reinforce the understanding of FT policy on contractor and log truck safety.

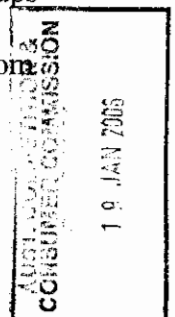
FT safety systems include audit of all its contractor operations such that they comply with AS4801.

Specific focus has been applied by the State Government through the Dept. of Infrastructure, Energy & Resources, on heavy vehicle operation and safety, as well as road infrastructure.

Simultaneously, the State and industry has adopted the National Standards for Heavy Vehicle operations which has brought a number of significant reforms to this area.

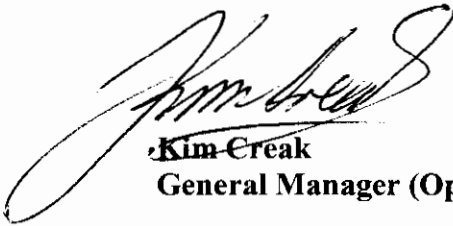
At a lower level, but equally important, the timber industry is involved in two key groups that are relevant for this area – the Forest Industry Safety Advisory Group and the (Industry/Government) Log Truck Safety Advisory Group (chaired by Mr D Hazell from the Tasmanian Forest Contractors Association). These groups have industry-wide representation and meet regularly, both groups have direct input to the Government.

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This process offers industry and government the opportunity to interact frequently on contemporary problems and achieve realistic negotiated outcomes in short timeframes. This, I believe, further demonstrates that the industry is able to respond effectively and efficiently to the concerns being raised in this area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Creak", written in a cursive style.

Kim Creak
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