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Institute of Foresters of Australia President, Dr Peter Volker, welcomes the outcome of the World Heritage Committee meeting in Canada today which has accepted the report of an assessment panel investigating management of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area (TWWHA).

Dr Volker said, "The assessment panel have come to the view that threats from production forestry activities adjacent to the TWWHA are well managed and would not require any change to the boundary. They have recommended that 21 areas of national parks and state reserves covered by the management plan be considered for inclusion at the discretion of the Australian government. "

Dr Volker says, "This outcome endorses the professional approach taken by foresters in regard to sensitive environmental and cultural issues. The report also makes special mention of the importance of the world class Code of Forest practice which is under continuous improvement in Tasmania."

The report also refers to the often fractious and suspicious nature of parties involved in the forestry debate in Tasmania. The IFA supports of improved dialogue between all parties concerned with forest management for production and conservation outcomes.



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