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New Australian Forestry Minister Appointed (180206)

IFA President Dr Peter Volker has congratulated Senator the Hon Eric Abetz who has been appointed as the new Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation.

Dr Volker said that he appreciated that the new Minister “is a strong supporter of the forestry industry and has a wide knowledge of the forestry industry and its benefits for the Australian community”.

“Senator Abetz’s knowledge and experience of issues affecting forestry in Tasmania will be extremely valuable in dealing with national level forestry issues,” Dr Volker said.

The Australian forestry industry employs more than 130,000 Australians and is worth \$18 billion per annum to the Australian economy Dr Volker.

The Hon Senator E. Abetz
Minster for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister

May I congratulate you on your elevation to the very important position of Australian Minister for Fisheries, Forestry and Conservation.

My Institute represents over 1200 professional foresters through Australia and it is committed to the principles of sustainable forest management. Members of the Institute are available to you to comment and advise on forestry issues in an unbiased and responsible professional manner.

I am sure that your knowledge of the Tasmanian forestry issues will be extremely valuable to you in dealing with national forestry level issues.

I wish you a successful and rewarding period as the Minister responsible for Australian Forestry and look forward to meeting with you during your time as Minister.

Yours sincerely

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