



## Media Release

### Tasmanian Pulp Mill Supported (280205)

The Institute of Foresters of Australia is very pleased with the recent announcement of a proposed billion dollar pulp mill in northern Tasmania.

“Tasmania continues to forge ahead in the wise use of Australia’s natural forest resources while maintaining a world class system of forest conservation” said the Institute’s national president Ian Barnes. “Currently, Tasmania has the unique blend of progressive and competitive industrial planning, stable and supportive government policy, and the positive attitude of a professional workforce”.

“Tasmania’s foresters, most of whom are members of the Institute, and many of whom are acclaimed among the world’s most professional forest managers, have played a vital part in Tasmania’s success in transforming its forest industry into a viable and internationally competitive force. Tasmania has found a balance between providing timber from production forests and ensuring conservation and social values are met. Other Australian States can learn much from the Tasmanian government’s recognition and support of forestry as a legitimate land use” said Mr Barnes.

“The Institute of Foresters of Australia congratulates all those in the Tasmanian forest industry who have contributed to the planning of this proposed major forestry investment” he said.

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