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Dear Sirs,

## Establishment of NFP Sector Tax Concession Working Group

The Institute of Foresters of Australia (IFA) would like to offer its congratulations on the establishment of a Not For Profit sector Tax Concession Working Group.

The IFA is a registered Not For Profit professional organisation established in 1935 with 1200 members engaged in all branches of forest management and conservation in Australia.

The forest industry is no different to other industries and has its share of large, well funded charities and not for profit groups. In addition to this, the industry also hosts a number of smaller groups. The IFA is a small but essential contributor to the forest industry and it's not for profit status is critical in ensuring its long term viability.

The IFA recently contributed a submission to the review of Not For Profit Governance and in addition to this we ask that the IFA be directly approached by the Tax Concession Working group in order to actively support and participate in the review.

We believe that we are in a ideal position to offer impartial and practical advice on some aspects of the review and how any changes may positively or negatively impact other not for profit organizations.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Kind regards,

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Chief Executive Officer

On behalf of:

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