

RESPONSE TO PETITION

Petition No. 12 & 13 of 2025 House of Assembly

The petition of the undersigned Residents of Tasmania draws to the attention of the House grave concerns about the Tasmanian government's intention to convert 39,000 hectares of Crown land previously slated for protection known as 'Future Potential Production Forests' to 'Permanent Timber Production Zone' for the purpose of logging.

Your petitioners request that the House note:

1. There are 27 parcels of land across northern Tasmania slated for conversion.
2. Five priority lots have been identified by Forestry Tasmania in the Lilydale and Nile areas.
3. These forests are treasured by local residents of northern Tasmania.
4. These areas were slated for protection following the Tasmanian Forest Agreement (TFA) as 'Future Reserve Land'.
5. The TFA was torn up by the Hodgman Liberal government in 2014 creating the FPPF land tenure from those future reserves.

Your petitioners therefore call upon the House to:

1. Reject any attempt by the Tasmanian government to convert any FPPF land to PTPZ land.
2. Support the conversion of all FPPF land to permanent reserves as was the intention of the TFA.

RESPONSE:

Future Potential Production Forest (FPPF) land is around 400,000 ha of Tasmania's historic forestry lands, currently available for a range of uses including recreation and tourism, as well as special species timber harvesting under certain approval conditions.

FPPF land is set aside for the future use of the forestry industry and a legislated

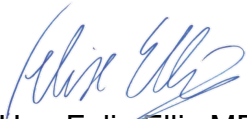
pathway exists for it to be converted to or exchanged with Permanent Timber Production Zone (PTPZ) land with the approval of both Houses of Parliament.

The Government has been listening to feedback from the community regarding their concerns over the future of FPPF lands.

In August this year, the Government announced that it would no longer be proceeding with the conversion of some 40,000 ha of FPPF land to PTPZ land. This land will remain FPPF land.

Instead, the Government is focused on maximising value from our existing available resources on private land and supporting the future of the industry through innovative on-island processing.

We look forward to working with the members of this Parliament to achieve this, and ensure that our world-class forestry sector continues to have a thriving future.



Hon Felix Ellis MP

Minister for Business, Industry and Resources

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