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Subject: Complaint concerning "unsustainable harvesting" by Forestry Tasmania - certificate No.14647 certified under the Australian Forestry Standard, (PEFC endorsed).

Dear Mr Berry,

The PEFC Council hereby submits an official complaint and request for investigation into the assertions made in the Report of the Chairman of the Independent Verification Group of the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement concerning unsustainable harvesting yields carried out in the forestry holdings of Forestry Tasmania.

The report, available at http://www.forestry.org.au/news/articlefiles/1931-Report%20of%20the_Chair-Tasmanian-Forests-Intergovernmental-Agreement.pdf, claims that Forestry Tasmania is harvesting above sustainable yields levels.

A claim of unsustainable harvesting is a serious matter and requires urgent investigation concerning potential non-compliances with the requirements set out by the PEFC-endorsed Australian Forestry Standard. The PEFC Council is aware that you have already received a complaint on this subject, which reiterates the seriousness of this matter.

I look forward to the results of your investigation, which PEFC intends to make publicly available.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Yours Sincerely

Dr. Michael Berger
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