



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON RURAL AND
REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND TRANSPORT**

REFERENCE COMMITTEE

29 April 2013

Senator the Hon John Hogg
President of the Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

**Inquiry into the Auditor-General's reports on Tasmanian Forestry Grants
Programs**

INTERIM REPORT

Dear Mr President

The findings of the Auditor-General's audit report no. 26 of 2007-08, *Performance Audit Tasmanian forest industry development and assistance programs*, and the Auditor-General's audit report no. 22 of 2012-13, *Administration of the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement Contractors Voluntary Exit Grants Program* were referred to the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Reference Committee by the Senate on 19 March 2013, for reporting on 6 May 2013.

The Committee has received 13 submissions, and plans to hold a public hearing in Canberra, on Tuesday, 7 May 2013.

The Committee wishes to extend this reporting date to 11 June 2013. This would allow it to fully consider the findings of the Auditor-General's reports, to engage stakeholders effectively, and conclude its deliberations.

Yours sincerely

Senator Bill Heffernan
Chair