



AUSTRALIAN SENATE

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

REFERENCE COMMITTEE

6 June 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. On 14 May 2013, the Senate agreed to extend the reporting date to 11 June 2013.

The Committee wishes to extend this reporting date to 19 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