

Dear Steve

I am writing to let you know that Forestry Tasmania has lodged an expression of interest to lease and operate the Triabunna Woodchip Mill, in the event that the mill's owners are unable to reach commercial terms with other interested parties.

The mill is critical to the future of the forest industry in Tasmania, and its importance is acknowledged in Clause 32 of the Tasmanian Forest Intergovernmental Agreement which states:

*"The Governments expect that the Triabunna mill will reopen and be operated in accordance with the Statement of Principles. If this does not occur, either Government may request a review of the terms of this Agreement, with a review to occur only if both Governments agree."*

Forestry Tasmania lodged an expression of interest after being approached by the local council ([read letter](#)) and the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union, who were concerned the mill's owner Triabunna Investments might not be able to identify a suitable lessee through its expression of interest deadline.

These concerns were highlighted in recent media coverage, which indicated the owners had received fewer than ten applicants, and only one or two were considered to be serious contenders.

We have hand delivered our expression of interest to the Triabunna Post Office this morning, to ensure it was in the possession of the mill's General Manager Alec Marr prior to the December 23 Expressions of Interest process.

I have decided to make public our [expression of interest](#) so that there can be no doubt about our intentions. It has been lodged on the basis that other applicants would first be considered, but in the event the owners could not conclude commercial arrangements, FT would be prepared to enter into negotiations.

On behalf of the Board and Management, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Xmas.  
Click to view our [Christmas card to you](#)

Yours sincerely  
Bob Gordon  
Managing Director  
Forestry Tasmania

PS: A reminder that our offices will be closed from 2pm on the 23rd December, reopening on 3rd Jan. Again have a wonderful festive season, be bushfire aware and to report fires in the first instance contact 000 emergencies. Why Forestry Tasmania has such a good reputation in the community. We have been tracking how the community perceives FT since August 2008, and I have to say that given all the trouble we have been through, our brand is still very strong. [<read more>](#)[Please do not reply to this email. If you wish to unsubscribe from the Branchline e-newsletter, click here. Your request will be processed promptly and you will not receive further e-newsletters from Forestry Tasmania.](#)