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Christine McDonald
Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications

Dear Ms McDonald

RE: Inquiry into the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area

Here is the response from Markets For Change to evidence of the Huon Resource Development Group, found in the following extracts:

Mr Alan Duggan, p. 17:

I believe that we have muddled the whole situation to such an extent that the people of Australia are absolutely sick to death of what is happening in Tasmania. But I can tell you: some 3,000 or 4,000 people who have lost their jobs in recent times are sick to death of it too. They have moved out. The reason that Tasmania is doing not quite as bad is that they work elsewhere. We have to return to a sensible solution to this. It is not by bullying and it is not by threatening the markets, as we saw yesterday. Markets for Change wanted to go out and again they have attacked these markets. That is the objection of it.

Mr George Harris, p. 18:

They are only part of the reason. The other reason is that the industry has been under sustained attack for 30 years and under unprincipled attack, and it has been under attack by people travelling overseas telling the most massive lies. There has been physical sabotage, market sabotage, intimidation, invasion of workplaces—disgraceful behaviour.

Markets For Change objects to the claim that we bully markets, made by Alan Duggan during his evidence to the committee. We provide markets with facts, including an insight into claims made by the forest industry which have been erroneous. We submit that it is in no way intimidatory to inform markets and consumers of sustained domestic opposition to the logging of high conservation values forests, nor is it sabotage to supply the scientific advice of independent experts engaged by government and on the public record.

Yours sincerely,

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