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MINUTE SUMMARY

TO: Mark Tucker, Delegate for the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

FROM: John Talbot, Chair of the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement Contractors Voluntary Exit Grants Program Advisory Panel

DATE: 12 February 2012

FILE: 2011/16813

SUBJECT: Recommendations for funding under the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement Contractors Voluntary Exit Grants Program

PURPOSE

To seek your approval of grants under the Tasmanian Forests Intergovernmental Agreement Contractors Voluntary Exit Grants Program.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That in accordance with the requirements of FMA Regulation 9, you approve the 61 grants recommended for approval in the list at **Attachment 1**.
 - . The terms of the grant and a basis of approval are included in the information for each individual grant and the grant application assessment report.

APPROVED / ~~NOT APPROVED / PLEASE DISCUSS~~

2. That you approve that 36 registered applications were ineligible as outlined in the panel report, noting that an additional four applications were received late and deemed ineligible by the program advisory panel without assessment.

APPROVED / ~~NOT APPROVED / PLEASE DISCUSS~~

Mark Tucker
Deputy Secretary
Delegate for the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry

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16/2/2012

ISSUES

1. Mandatory grants approval obligations: When you approve a grant, you must comply with FMA Regulations 9 and 12—i.e. you must record the terms of the grant approval, and on what basis you are satisfied that the proposed expenditure will make efficient, effective and ethical use of the public money and that it is not inconsistent with the policies of the Commonwealth.
 - . To inform your decision making, the attachments to this minute include individual eligibility assessments and panel decision sheets (individual score sheets) for eligible applicants.