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**Senator Duniam, John asked:**

Mr Knudson: Sorry, Senator. I just wanted to add one last thing. In terms of also coming back to you with where this has landed, there is another element at play with the Tasmanian government—obviously, which is the regional forestry agreement. We would have to figure out what the interplay of that is with any other sort of forestry related activity. We can come back and clarify that.

Senator DUNIAM: I would appreciate that.

**Answer:**

Commercial forestry operations conducted in accordance with the Tasmanian Regional Forest Agreement are exempt from the assessment and approval requirements of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (except for operations conducted within World Heritage or Ramsar wetland sites).