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Dear Nick

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Dean and me yesterday morning.

It was extremely concerning to hear about the risks currently faced by the industry as a result of the recent decisions and actions of STT and the Tasmanian Government.

I would also like to thank you for the constructive solutions presented during the meeting.

Subject to a more detailed policy discussion, the Tasmanian Labor Party supports the six proposals outlined in the TFPA's letter to the Premier, and yesterday I also publicly expressed the Labor Party's strong support for the actions the Government needs to take immediately to rectify the current situation.

I will be writing to members of the cross-bench and seeking to work with them and the rest of the Parliament to ensure Tasmanian interests are protected.

However, in the longer term I believe Tasmania needs a Tasmania First Timber Policy and would be grateful for a further opportunity to formalise the intent of your proposals within this policy.

I would also be interested to discuss the opportunities that exist to expand the downstream processing capacity of the Tasmanian timber industry, and would welcome any proposals you might have in this respect.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with us yesterday. When Shane Broad returns from leave he will be in touch with you to discuss these matters further.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca White'.

Rebecca White MP
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