

**MEDIA RELEASE:**

**CONFERENCE TO CONFRONT TASMANIAN FOREST DEAL FALLOUT. NATURE NET  
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Environment groups are united in their concern about the Tasmanian package announced two weeks ago by Prime Minister Gillard and Premier Gidding. There is risk of the wheels falling off the deal, to be announced on this Sunday 7 August 2011.

Experts, scientists, federal government, activists and representatives of more than 20 environment groups are meeting next weekend in Canberra. They will analyse the terms of the Tassie deal and its implications for mainland forests.

The Forest and Climate Forum convened by Mike Thompson of Nature.Net.au will be held at the School of Medicine at ANU next Saturday August 13. It will address the key data and issues of logging industry economics, law, science, carbon accounting plus implications of the Clean Energy Future content including the Biodiversity Fund and Carbon Farming Initiative.

The Federal Government will be represented by Dr Mike Kelly Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Key speakers from ACF, WWF, the Wentworth Group, the Wilderness Society, Environment Tasmania, the Climate Institute, GetUp!, Markets for Change, Nature Conservation Council of NSW, students and conservations will also be reviewing the mainland scenario in the light of Tassie and overall market developments.

Among those speaking are: Brendan Mackey, Michael Spencer, Andrew MacIntosh, Chris Taylor, Dr Pep Canadell, Dr Denis Saunders, Dr Graeme Hamilton, Senator Lee Rhiannon, Virginia Young, Pepe Clarke, Kirsty Ruddock, Natasha Hammond-Deakin, Jill Redwood, Vanessa Bleyer, Dr Phil Pullinger, Naomi Edwards, Dr Judith Ajani, Lyndon Schneider, Paul Oosting, Louise Morris, Graham Tupper, Corey Watts, Gemma Tillack, Bishop George Browning, Prue Acton and Lisa Stone.

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