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National Heavy Vehicle Regulator
Fortitude Valley QLD 4006
Via email: codes@nhvr.gov.au

Re: Draft Forestry Log Haulage – Industry Code of Practice

The Tasmanian Forest Products Association (TFPA) commend and support the work undertaken by the Australian Forest Contractors Association and Australian Forest Products Association to develop the Forestry Log Haulage Code.

TFPA represents all elements of the value chain from the sustainable harvesting of plantations and multiple use natural forest resource including forest establishment and management, harvesting and haulage, processing of timber resources and manufacture of pulp and paper, and bioproducts.

As an industry we are highly regulated, and the people employed in it take safety very seriously.

TFPA supports the harmonisation of workplace health and safety laws and the process to develop national codes of practice for specific industries.

The forestry industry has unique safety and risk factors around log haulage in comparison with other heavy vehicle operations and will benefit from this industry specific code of practice.

Therefore, the development of this Code is important to further assist the industry on how to manage specific risks associated with their transport activities that include:

- Freight Task Management and Planning
- Fit for Purpose Equipment
- Load Construction and Restraint
- Effective Training; and
- Community Engagement.

Yours sincerely



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