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## **PTR 1698 APPEAL**

Hello All

This is a special reminder and call for your support.

The next days of the Forest Practices Tribunal hearing of the appeal against PTR 1698 at the Deloraine Community Complex are 22, 23 & 24 May 2006 - that's next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Please come along if you can. We need a good show of support to keep our spirits up and to show the public interest. We have already had 8 days of hearing.

Most days the hearing goes from 10 am till 5 pm with a break for lunch about 1 pm. but it does vary a little bit. If you can't stay all day, please come along for an hour or two. It's educational, interesting and shows the Tribunal the level of the public interest.

So much of the logging in our municipality is on Private Timber Reserves. This is your opportunity to show how unhappy the community is about the situation.

Monday 22 May will be spent with our side cross-examining Private Forests Tasmania, the government agency that spends its time promoting PTRs and then approving them, greasing the wheels of Gunns Ltd. I'm sure

you'll find it interesting to hear what they have to say in answer to questions from the appellants.

Attached to this email is a general update on the overall PTR application for 1698 for those who are not up on the history.

Tuesday should see the beginning of the appellants case. At this stage we don't know who will go first. There are the 6 Prescribed Persons, Meander Valley Council and The Environment Association. Altogether this means about 30 witnesses. All our witnesses will feel so much more confident if they see a good show of support from the community.

Please come.  
Thanks for your support,  
Andrew Ricketts.