

**THE REALITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL
REGULATION:**

*An analysis of the environmental regulatory structure of
Forestry Tasmania*

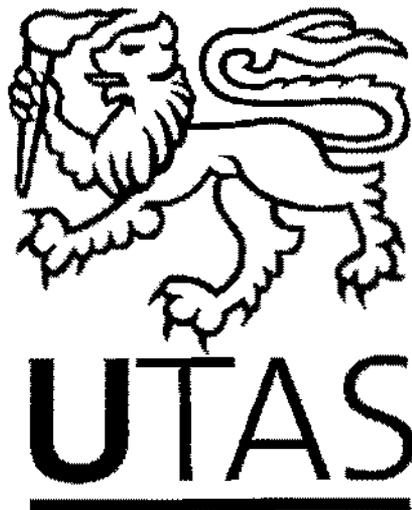
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DEDICATION

For those passionate people within the system, motivated and courageous who continue to stand up for what they believe is right, and hold steady to the principles of good environmental practice. You are vital to this system – it is your strength and determination to hold true to your values that will assist the system to change, allowing us all to enjoy the environment for many generations to come.



ABSTRACT

As part of the Tasmanian forestry industry, Forestry Tasmania (FT) (a Government Business Enterprise) operates under a system of environmental regulation incorporating co-regulation coupled with self-management mechanisms. For over 30 years environmental regulation of the Tasmanian forest industry has been shadowed by both controversy and continuing calls for scrutiny. Embedded in this shadow are concerns relating to; the ability of the current regulatory system to adequately regulate and prevent environmental harm; close ties between regulators, industry, and government; and possible undue economic influence imposed on regulators.

The objective of this thesis is to uncover the 'black box' of regulatory literature by providing a detailed examination of forestry regulation as related to the Government Business Enterprise, FT. This examination documents the systems and structures in place and extends further to look at the reality of such regulation.

This thesis draws on information from a number of sources including discussions with individuals at a senior level within FT and the regulatory agency (Forest Practices Authority) as well as interviews with a number of Forest Practices Officers (FPOs) as a form of ground level regulation within FT. In addition public sources of information including Hansard and High Court Judgements are used.

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