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STATEMENT BY THE PRIME MINISTER THE HON P.J. KEATING MP

FORESTS PROCESS

In response to stakeholders' requests for more time to fully consult with the Government on its forest plan the public consultation period on the forests process will be extended for two weeks until 3 November.

The Government is committed to a genuine consultation process and to thoroughly addressing any concerns raised prior to final decisions being made.

The Government is also confident that the final decisions on this important issue, now to be made in November, will be broadly supported by the community.

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