

# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Weld Valley Community Action Into 8<sup>th</sup> Day**

The community action to block logging access to the Weld Valley in the Southern forests is now in its eighth day. Participants in the action are vowing to stay on until plans to clearfell the Weld's old growth forests are scrapped.

Adam Burling from the Native Forest Network said today, "Despite what Forestry Tasmania say, we've stopped all major works on this contentious road such that parts of it are still impassable and work on the logging bridge over the Weld River hasn't been able to start.

"We expect an escalation in the situation with resumption of the working week, however, our resolve and numbers have increased, with a large influx of supportive people visiting over the long weekend.

"The support from the local community is astounding, and has been especially strong from local fishermen and women who realize that the pristine Weld River is under imminent threat resulting from logging activities.

The bottom line here is that we have been hugely successful in getting the message out Australia wide about the imminent threats to the World Heritage values of the Weld forest and river.

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