

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **CLAIMS OF LOGGING ROAD COMPLETION** **DEBUNKED**

Claims by Forestry Tasmania that work has been completed on a logging road into the Weld Valley in the Southern forests, have been debunked by participants in a community action, which has obstructed the road since Monday.

Adam Burling from the Native Forest Network said this afternoon, "We've walked along the road and it's far from complete, and Forestry haven't even trucked in the road base gravel: - it's still only a rough and ready affair.

"Inability to complete the road forced them to move vehicles out of the area over night.

"Forestry also conveniently fail to mention that work hasn't even started on the proposed logging bridge over the Weld River, construction of which will be strongly resisted when the time comes.

"Because of our action, the world heritage values and impending destruction of the Weld Valley has gained Australia wide exposure, and we're receiving messages of support from across the country.

"We are expecting big numbers of supporters to visit the community action site this long weekend.

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**The Native Forest Network- The Southern Forest Alliance- The GAIA Foundation  
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