

Green activists still lobbying

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ENVIRONMENTAL groups are still warning Japanese companies of Tasmania's forest practices, prompting calls there is still no peace in the forest.

Former Liberal senator Guy Barnett, who is earmarked for a tilt at state politics during the next election, said yesterday letters sent by environmental groups to customers of Ta Ann were evidence green lobby activists were continuing to actively campaign to kill off Tasmania's timber industry.

But the author of the letter, Markets for Change spokesperson Peg Putt, said correspondence to Japanese customers would continue.

"We have always made it clear we would continue to talk to people about the progress of the [IGA] process," she said. Mr Barnett said the Tasmanian brand is being trashed by the green activists.

"Their actions confirm the IGA process is a farce," he said.

"These are not legitimate peaceful protests.

"They are environmental terrorism and sabotage of a law-abiding Tasmanian business [and] must be stopped," he said.