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## The facts on MMG Mining Lease application

The radical Bob Brown Foundation's continued and relentless attempts to muckrake and misinform the community about mining in our State have continued today.

The facts are that MMG recently made application for a mining lease over an existing access track to its South Marion oak site under the Mineral Resources Development Act 1995.

The application was assessed by Mineral Resources Tasmania, which recommended it be approved—a recommendation I subsequently accepted.

A lodging error in the application was then found by the Department and immediate action was taken. MMG were advised and submitted a new application.

This has now occurred, with the new lease application currently being assessed by MRT in line with the Act.

I have expressed my disappointment regarding the oversight to the Secretary and requested that a comprehensive review of the tenement application and assessment process take place as a result. This is already underway.

It's also important to note, that I'm further advised that the Act allows for mining lease applications to be made to allow for access purposes and that this is not uncommon practice.

Ironically enough, the Greens' own media advisory today entirely misquoted my letter to the BBF claiming that I had said 'In consequence, there has been valid grant of the lease.'

In fact, what my letter said was the complete opposite: 'In consequence, there has been no valid grant of the lease.'

In an apparent attempt to obscure the oversight, the Greens later issued a second media advisory that

claimed a new time whilst furtively correcting the error.

It is time for the Greens and their fellow supporters to stop with the conspiracy theories and stick to the facts.