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Serious questions on BBF's actions at MMG site

Confirmed reports that camera traps baited with pademelon legs and cat food have been found on a mining lease near Rosebery on the West Coast are extremely concerning.

It was no surprise to hear that the radical Bob Brown Foundation (BBF) has since confirmed that the cameras belong to the Foundation and I understand the cameras have since been passed on to Tasmania Police for consideration.

The Foundation's apparent actions beg a number of questions;

Did the BBF possess the relevant authorisations to take wildlife under the Nature Conservation Act 2002?

Were the requirements of the Animal Welfare Act 1993 met?

Was permission sought from the mining company prior to the mining lease being accessed?

Is this an attempt to manipulate data in advance of an environmental assessment process?

Do the Tasmanian Greens support the actions of the BBF?

These actions of the BBF are the latest in a series of dangerous or illegal activities from radical protestors as they have, once again, attempted to destroy Tasmanian jobs that have supported the operation of the Rosebery mine for over 80 years.

All resource proposals go through a strict legislated approvals process and the Bob Brown Foundation must allow this process to take its course.