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Fox funding welcomed but the devil is in the detail

Tasmania's peak, representative conservation group today welcomed the State Government's announcement of increased funding for the fox taskforce. The TCT is one of the original members of the Fox Taskforce Steering Committee, dating back to 2003.

TCT Director Craig Woodfield said today that whilst the funding was welcomed, much detail had yet to be revealed, particularly how the fox baiting program would be expanded and the mechanism by which the wider community would be engaged.

"There is still a considerable amount of public cynicism regarding the fox issue. The State Government has struggled to keep even a key stakeholder such as the TCT engaged and informed, so they are facing an uphill battle bringing the wider community on board."

"It is also concerning that the Commonwealth has only just been formally approached for support. It is quite conceivable that we have months of typical State/Commonwealth wrangling ahead of us before this issue is resolved."

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