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Clock ticking on devil extinction

Delegates at the Devil Facial Tumour Disease scientific forum that finished today in Hobart have been told that the Tasmanian devil may only be 10 to 15 years away from extinction, and the window of opportunity to avert this calamity is rapidly closing.

TCT Director Craig Woodfield says that such statements emphasise the importance of the continued support for the program, but also that it is essential that new initiatives be considered to try and save this species.

“The extinction of the Tasmanian devil would alter our terrestrial ecosystems almost beyond recognition. It would also be a massive economic and social loss for our state.”

“The entire Tasmanian community must get involved, and the Tasmanian Government needs to show real leadership and provide real resources. If we do not, then generations to come will remember us as the ones who this most iconic of species disappear forever.”

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