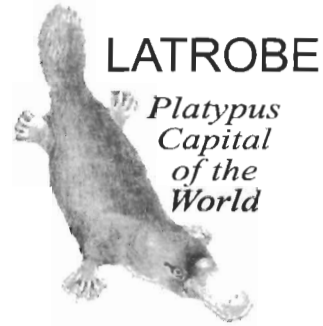




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Attention: Pam Scott

Dear Madam,

**RE: GUNNS LIMITED – PROPOSED BLEACHED KRAFT PULP MILL
LONGREACH, NORTHERN TASMANIA**

I refer to your letter dated 13 July 2006 and thank you for the opportunity to convey Council's position in regard to the proposed pulp mill. The Council unreservedly supports the proposed development of the mill at the Longreach site.

However Council wishes through this representation to raise a concern it does have in regard to heavy traffic, generated by the mill's operation, passing through the township of Latrobe along Gilbert Street to connect with Frankford Road on its way to the mill site. Gilbert Street is Latrobe's main street and commercial zone. The existing traffic movements, which engage a single traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing, is at times congested. This will be further intensified with an increase in large vehicle numbers; like those that will be generated by the mill in carrying the timber resource required from the Kentish and other surrounding areas.

There is also concern that vibrations caused by the heavy traffic could in time cause structural damage to the many heritage-listed properties in the commercial zone fronting Gilbert Street.

Council requests that the Commission consider including in the development permit of the mill, should it be approved, a condition that large vehicles carrying the timber resource to the mill and needing to pass through the area use an alternative route by-passing the Latrobe township.

Council looks forward to a favourable response to this matter.

If you have any questions about this matter please contact Council's Planning Officer,
Mr Mike Haberle, on 6421 4650 quoting reference number DA9/06.

Yours faithfully,



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MANAGER DEVELOPMENT SERVICES