

Submission to the Enquiry,
 The Executive Commissioner,
 Resource Planning and Development Commission
 GPO Box 1691,
 Hobart,
 TAS 7001.

Dear Sir,

I would like to present a personal submission based on feedback I have had in a small business, from tourists, farmers, family and friends.

Tasmania is unable, now and in the future to bear the costs of a pulp mill.

- a) Financially
- b) Water
- c) Environmentally
- d) Reduction in Tourism and other businesses
- e) Global warming.

1. Financially: There is a huge cost in subsidising roads and infrastructure and additional risk of accidents caused by an increased number of log trucks. Council ratepayers and state Govt are supplying these with taxpayers money. If the mill is not viable in any way it will be subsidised by the community who are saying they do NOT want it.
2. Water: The Tamar Estuary is already lacking enough water to flush it, mud banks have increased due to the Trevallyn Dam and insufficient dredging. Now even less water will be available for recreational river use and I understand there is no requirement for the mill to even recycle the water it takes. Once again the community subsidises.
3. Environmentally: My concerns and those of the people I talk to are many. The reduction in native forests for future generations - The mono culture that replaces them. The reduction in rainfall that accompanies forest practices in the first 30 years or so. The toxins that will go into the atmosphere in the Tamar Valley and the effect on global warming.

The effluent going into the ocean and the Tamar. There should be No toxins at all leaving this mill. If it cannot be clean and green and treat its effluent then it is NOT worlds best practice.

4. Damage to Tourism and local businesses: Tasmania's tourism industry relies on its clean/green image. May people choose to retire here because of the increase in tourism. The customers in our nursery are very representative and to a man do not like the direction the forestry industry is going in. It seems the only people who want this mill is the Gunns Company and contractors and politicians.
5. Global warming: There is a lack of appreciation of climate change in the evaluation of this project. The cost of providing power, the amount of water being taken from the Launceston area. The destruction of Native Forests Pollution of air and water.

We submit that the Tasmanian community does not want the very short term increase in employment that would be the only benefit to accrue from this mill (apart from Billions of dollars profit for Gunns, courtesy of the Tasmanian people and their children and children's children.). There are other insidious effects on the community for instance the local newspaper - as reported in Media Watch has not reported fairly information released about this mill. The presumably is because the income it receives from Gunns advertising.

We submit the Tasmanian economy, financially, economically and environmentally cannot afford the future costs of this pulp mill.

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs) Sue Boyes

On behalf of friends, family, customers and the community we live in.

**Handwritten submission, typed by RPDC.*