

14th September 2006

Executive Commissioner,
Resource Planning and Development Commission,
GPO Box 1691,
HOBART 7001
Tasmania

Dear Sir,

I write to express our support for the proposed Gunns Pulp Mill. We have been business operators for 25 years in Northern Tasmania.

For the past four years we have operated two sites one at Scottsdale (25 years) and one at George Town and have recently re-located our entire business from Scottsdale and combined onto the one site at George Town. This decision was somewhat due to a lack of business investment in the North East, the threat of further business closures and also in readiness for the pulp mill and the opportunities our combined facilities could provide to the proposed development.

I strongly believe the Gunns development will give security to our business and its 30 employees in George Town. It would give us confidence to invest in and expand our business therefore, offering further employment within the local area.

The proposed Gunns Pulp Mill would be a much needed boost to the economy of Tasmania. The mill is the best opportunity to add value to our economy and secure the long term future of the forest industry in Tasmania and small business alike.

We have confidence in the extensive research that Gunns have undertaken to assess the environmental and social impact on the environment and confidence in the Resource, Planning and Development Commission and in the Environmental Regulator to adequately monitor and limit the environmental impact of the mill.

As a business operator and personally, I give full support to the proposed Gunns Pulp Mill.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Watson'.

GEOFF WATSON
Managing Director



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