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It is with my greatest hopes that I send this submission, so that Gunns cannot go ahead with their latest pulp mill plans in Bell Bay. A short excerpt of their report is enough to worry even the most ignorant layman, but to those who know what clearfelling does to the environment, let alone Tasmania, which is so rich in natural beauty and potentially one of the wealthiest tourist destinations in the world, it smacks of idiocy.

The world is now facing a global climate crisis that can no longer be in any doubt. The world's most prominent scientists are in agreement that if we don't reduce our carbon emissions, we will be on a road to a climate that will make it extremely difficult for the human race to survive. And yet, here we are, knowing all of these facts, and what are our governments doing? Handing over even more of OUR resources to a company with one of the worst track records for environmental management practices in Australia. I'm sorry, but that's baffling. I can assure you that the cost of subsidies that has gone into this ridiculous plan will NEVER be re-couped - not by the tax payer, at any rate. Instead, you take our trees, poison our wildlife, destroy the surrounding agricultural industries, send effluent into the sea and rivers, and FOR WHAT?? Please explain it to me, because all I'm seeing here are big dollar signs in the eyes of those with their fingers in Gunns' piggy bank.

In addition, Tasmania needs to join the rest of Australia in stopping clearfelling practices all together. You have been voted into government to work for the people's interests. Do your job. Stop the mill and work towards building a truly sustainable economy for Tasmania. This is a national disgrace.

Sincerely,  
Willhemina Wahlin