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29/8/06

Dear Sir,

Re. Proposed Pulp Mill.


I am writing regarding the proposed pulp mill in the Tamar Valley. The proponent (Gunns) has to produce an integrated impact statement into the various effects and issues associated with the mill. However, there is no study required into the effects of timber harvesting and plantations on water catchment flows

New plantations and the repeated harvesting operations have a detrimental effect on water flows in the catchments involved. Water flow is essential for existing users, such as, residential and agricultural requirements. With our declining rainfall and the potential effects from timber harvesting it appears to be an oversight to ignore this problem.

(references. CSIRO for Launceston City Council 2002. A 30% decrease in water flows. CSIRO Peter Hairsine 2005. New plantations on pastureland will equal less stream flow. EPA (Sth Aust) 2006. Plantation forests reduce the rate of run off.)

I trust the RPDC will be able to consider this shortcoming when considering the Gunns IIS.

Yours sincerely,



K. Roberts