

Executive Commissioner
Resource Planning and Development Commission
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Dear Sir,

Re: Bell Bay Pulp Mill – Draft Integrated Impact Statement

I am writing to provide a submission in **support** of the Gunns Limited Draft Integrated Impact Statement for the Bell Bay Pulp Mill.

As a practising professional forester in Tasmania, the requirement to utilise pulpwood grade wood from native forests and plantations is integral to the economic sustainability of the Forest Industry. I first hand see everyday the positive effects of the current pulpwood industry on the livelihood of private landowners, contractors, rural communities and individuals. The continued wealth generation for a broad cross section of the Tasmanian community will be secured for the long term by the Bell Bay Pulp Mill proposal.

I also have great confidence in the environmental sustainability of this proposal on the native forest and plantation estate of Tasmania across all tenures. The decisions I make each day are based on excellent science backed by my professional training and within government legislative frameworks, derived from the Regional Forest Agreement(RFA) and other Acts. The RFA for Tasmania has already dealt with the environmental, social and economic impacts of Forestry in Tasmania. I ask that the RFA process continue to be respected and that the Pulp Mill proposal be judged only against the rigorous Integrated Impact Statement Guidelines.

From my discussions with Tasmanian people, there is general consensus that the Gunns Proposal will be good for the State of Tasmania. I ask that politics be kept separate from this process and look forward to seeing the Draft Assessment Report.

Yours faithfully,



Darren Herd