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Attn : Executive Commissioner
Resource Planning and Development Commission
3rd Floor, 144 Macquarie Street,
GPO Box 1691
HOBART, TAS 7001.

We refer to the Draft IIS that has been prepared by Gunns Limited for its proposal to build and operate a bleached kraft pulp mill at Long Reach, within the Bell Bay Industrial Zone, Northern Tasmania.

We have read the proposal, and the draft IIS, in detail and urge the RPDC to make a recommendation to the Tasmanian Government to approve the development.

We urge the RPDC to not be swayed in any way by emotive arguments but instead rely upon scientific evidence when evaluating the project.

Tasmania's forest industry is currently heavily reliant upon the export of woodchips in their raw form. This development is long overdue and enables further significant value to be added to these woodchips within the state.

The positive economic, social and environmental benefits resulting from this project will be significant and enduring.

We urge the RPDC to recommend approval for the development.

Yours sincerely,

Ian & Gianella Blanden