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Dear Sir / Madam,

BELL BAY PULP MILL PROJECT □
DRAFT INTEGRATED IMPACT STATEMENT □

I hereby lodge this submission as part of the public comment opportunity on the Draft Integrated Impact Statement, as submitted by Gunns Limited for its Bell Bay Pulp Mill Project.

This submission is made in **strong support** of the project on the basis of the significant economic benefits that this development will realise for Tasmania, together with underpinning the future of the forest industry, a major employment base for Tasmania.

For far too long, all sides of politics have been screaming for value adding investments to be made for Tasmania's forest products. There can be no more significant commitment than this proposal. However, this proposal should not be assessed on political agendas. I strongly urge the RPDC to assess this proposal based on scientific, economic and social / community evidence.

I congratulate the proponent on their comprehensive Draft IIS detailing the potential environmental, economic and social/community impacts. Opponents to this project have criticised the Draft IIS because of its complexity, however it has been prepared in accordance with the Scope Guidelines, as developed by the RPDC in December 2005.

I have worked in Tasmania's forest industry for the last twenty years and have first hand experience of the professional commitment and motivation that the industry and its employees have towards applying sustainable forest management principles, both on public and private land. This is endorsed through independent verification and certification to the Australian Forestry Standard AS 4708(Int).

I reaffirm the proponent's own comments "*Clearly, the success of the pulp mill project □ represents a significant opportunity for value-adding activity that will provide long run □ growth for Tasmania.*"¹

I strongly support this project and the Draft IIS as submitted by the proponent.

Yours faithfully,

Darren Davis □

¹ □ Page 14 – Gunns Limited Bell Bay Pulp Mill Executive Summary. 14 July 2006