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Resource Planning and Development Commission
144-148 Macquarie St
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Dear Sir,

Gunn's Ltd Integrated Impact Statement
proposed Bell Bay pulp mill

I have read the summary of the integrated impact statement for the proposed Bell Bay pulp mill and checked some of the specialist sections on the web site. As a retired professional forester I am reasonably happy with the concept and accept the generalities of the pulp mill submission. I can understand the proposals and a reasonable amount of the technical information. On the basis of the information provided I believe the mill ought to proceed, provided there is adequate environmental monitoring programmes in place.

As an amateur marine biologist and SCUBA diver I do however have concerns about the long term effect of discharge of effluent into Bass Strait. The flushing effect and movement of the water mass is not as large as some persons have indicated. As part of any environmental impact statement and monitoring programme the effect on the ecology and marine life needs continual monitoring using selected species representative of the region.

One point, which also indicates a lack of careful scrutiny and observation is the naming of the river. Correctly the river is officially named the River Tamar, NOT the Tamar River as so often called. Any reference to the river in the documentation should correctly identify and designate it as the River Tamar.

Yours sincerely,



Brian Hodgson.