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From Jill and Bill
Subject Submission to RPDC on proposed Gunns pulp mill in Tamar Valley

Vol 1:6,p221.....".At start up the pulpmill will be 80% reliant on logs from native forests."

This seems to fly in the face of claims at the outset, that there would not be one extra tree logged from native forests.

Vol 1:6,Fig6-14,p238....."The overwhelming majority of these logs [70%] will come from the native forests of north-east Tasmania."

This has the potential to create an excessive increase in the volume of log trucks on the inadequate roads of the north-east.

Vol 1:6, p239....."A 'Plantation Preference" strategy has been considered but not adopted."

Previous claims were made that adequate resources could be obtained from plantation timber. This is preferable to clearing native forests in order to create space for more plantations.

The proponents have not discussed the impacts of logging on high conservation areas such as the Blue Tier, Great Western Tiers and Ben Lomond. Why?

Where are the studies on greenhouse emissions from native forest logging operations?

If large sums are considered warranted to spend in the replacement of household woodheaters because of greenhouse and particulate emissions, why is it considered satisfactory to burn up to 500,000 tonnes of green forest waste to generate electricity per year? Haven't all other Australian States ruled out the burning of native forests for the generation of electricity?

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