

RESOURCE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



Proposed Bleached Kraft Pulp Mill in Northern Tasmania by Gunns Limited

INVITATION TO COMMENT

DRAFT SCOPE GUIDELINES FOR THE INTEGRATED IMPACT STATEMENT (IIS)

Public comment period closes **Monday 9 May 2005**

The proposal by Gunns Limited to develop and operate a bleached kraft pulp mill in northern Tasmania has been declared a project of State significance under the *State Policies and Projects Act 1993* (Tas). Gunns has identified Long Reach, on the Tamar River (near George Town), as its preferred site.

The Tasmanian Premier, the Hon. Paul Lennon, has directed the Resource Planning and Development Commission to undertake an integrated assessment of the Gunns proposal in accordance with the *State Policies and Projects Act 1993* (Tas). Gunns will prepare a draft Integrated Impact Statement (IIS), which will be required to address all environmental, social, economic and community issues relevant to that project. The Commission has prepared Draft Scope Guidelines for the Integrated Impact Statement, which specify the matters to be addressed by Gunns in its draft IIS.

A decision has been made by the Minister for the Environment and Heritage, Senator the Hon. Ian Campbell, that assessment by accredited process must be conducted in accordance with the *State Policies and Projects Act 1993* (Tas). The Guidelines will cover all of those matters that must be addressed to satisfy the requirements of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999* (Cwlth).

A copy of the Draft Scope Guidelines for the Integrated Impact Statement may be obtained, without cost, by calling the Commission on (03) 6233 2795, by faxing on (03) 6233 5400 or email enquiry@rpdc.tas.gov.au or at the following office:

Resource Planning & Development Commission
3rd Floor, 144 Macquarie Street, HOBART

The Draft Scope Guidelines are available on the internet at <http://www.rpdc.tas.gov.au>. Community and other interest groups and individuals are invited to comment in writing on the Draft Scope Guidelines. Written submissions should be sent to:

Address: Resource Planning and Development Commission
GPO Box 1691, Hobart Tasmania 7001 or,
3rd Floor, 144 Macquarie Street, Hobart

Fax Number: (03) 6233 5400

Email: enquiry@rpdc.tas.gov.au

Written submissions must be received by the Commission no later than **4.30pm on Monday 9 May 2005**. Late submissions will not be accepted, but faxed and email copies of submissions will be received up until 4.30pm on the closing date. Please note that submissions will be treated as public documents unless an argument is put to the contrary by the person making the submission. Questions regarding these processes should be directed to Pamela Scott, Senior Project Officer.

Comments received will be evaluated and the Draft Scope Guidelines modified as necessary to produce a final set of guidelines. Further opportunities for public input will continue throughout the integrated assessment.



Tasmania