



7 April 2005

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### ***PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF DRAFT SCOPE GUIDELINES FOR THE GUNNS PULP MILL INTEGRATED IMPACT STATEMENT***

Gunns Limited is required to prepare a draft Integrated Impact Statement (IIS) to enable the Resource Planning and Development Commission to carry out an assessment of the environmental, social, economic and community impacts of the pulp mill proposal.

To ensure that the draft IIS covers all of the issues, the Commission has prepared Draft Scope Guidelines. These Draft Scope Guidelines specify the issues the Commission requires Gunns to address in its draft IIS and all of those matters that must be addressed to satisfy the requirements of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cwlth).

Public exhibition of the Draft Scope Guidelines for the Integrated Impact Statement formally commences on 9 April 2005 with the Draft Scope Guidelines being available as of today to view and download from the Commission's website: [www.rpdc.tas.gov.au](http://www.rpdc.tas.gov.au)

Community and other interest groups and individuals are invited to comment in writing on the Draft Scope Guidelines. The Commission will consider all submissions received before the guidelines are finalised and forwarded to Gunns.

A hard copy of the Draft Scope Guidelines may be obtained on Monday, 11 April 2005 by calling the Commission on (03) 6233 2795, by faxing on (03) 6233 5400 or email: [enquiry@rpdc.tas.gov.au](mailto:enquiry@rpdc.tas.gov.au) or at the Commission's Hobart office.

Written submissions must be received by the Commission no later than **4.30 pm on Monday, 9 May 2005**.

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