

**Gunns Limited
- proposed bleached kraft pulp mill at
Long Reach, Northern Tasmania**

**PUBLIC NOTICE
DIRECTIONS HEARING**

The Resource Planning and Development Commission (Commission) is the independent statutory body responsible, under the *State Policies and Projects Act 1993*, for carrying out integrated assessments of projects of State significance. The proposal by Gunns Limited (Gunns) to build and operate a bleached kraft pulp mill at Long Reach, within the Bell Bay Industrial Zone, Northern Tasmania has been declared a project of State significance.

A Directions Hearing will be held to assist the Commission prepare for a public hearing into the Gunns proposal. The Directions Hearing will commence at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 25 October 2006 at the Tamar Valley Centre, Albert Hall, Launceston.

The purpose of a Directions Hearing is for the Commission to give directions to the proponent and other parties to ensure that all preliminary matters have been dealt with prior to the commencement of the actual hearing. For example, the Directions Hearing will address the question of how the Commission and all other parties and participants will be afforded the opportunity and time to comment on additional information provided by Gunns on the Draft IIS. This includes the Erratum to Toxikos Reports dated 28 August 2006 issued by Gunns.

Other matters to be considered at the Directions Hearing include:

- Provision of additional information by Gunns;
- Timing for the provision of additional information and response from Gunns to requests by the Commission;
- Time required by the Commission to consider such further information, responses and submissions; and
- Date, time and place for the public hearings proper.

A written expression of interest to be heard at the Directions Hearing is invited from all persons who lodged a submission on Gunns Draft Integrated Impact Statement (IIS). **Written expressions of interest must be lodged with the Commission by 4.30pm on Friday, 13 October 2006.**

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The Commission will advise those from whom it wishes to hear.

For information about the integrated assessment process please refer to the Commission's website - www.rpdc.tas.gov.au - or contact the Commission.

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