trucks

On the East Tamar Highway you will see a logtruck every three minutes.

Gunns’ IIS indicates that there could be over 20 deaths over the course of 50 years due to accidents involving logtrucks if rail is not used. In addition to logtrucks, there will also be heavy vehicles carrying hazardous chemicals such as caustic soda and sulphuric acid.

“I was horrified when I learnt how many logtrucks will be on our roads after the pulp mill goes ahead.”

Marion Fry, Nurse, Launceston

get involved

- Come to the rally on Sat 16th Sept, 12 noon at Civic Square, Launceston.
- Volunteer your time at the Launceston Campaign Centre, 180 Charles St, ph 6331 7488.
- Donate or become a member of The Wilderness Society. Freecall 1800 030 641.
- Express your concerns to your local state and federal members of parliament, Premier Paul Lennon and Federal Environment Minister Senator Ian Cambell.

“With the Government backing Gunns to the hilt, who will look after the interests of Tasmanians?”

Anne Close, Natural Therapist, Legana

rally

12 noon Sat 16th Sept
Civic Square, Launceston

The propaganda machines of Gunns and the Lennon Government have been working overtime. The Pulp Mill Task Force is paid for by taxpayers’ funds. They have been pushing slick messages at the Tasmanian public through all forms of media.

This rally is a chance to show that you have not been fooled by corporate and government ‘spin’. It’s a chance to question the glib one-liners propagated by Gunns and the government. It’s a chance to show that people care about Tasmania’s future.

Join Peter Cundall, The Wilderness Society and Tasmanians Against the Pulpmill (TAP) on Saturday 16th September, 12 noon, at Civic Square, Launceston, followed by a march to City Park.

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Gunns wants to build a massive pulp mill that will consume millions of tonnes of native forest and dump millions of tonnes of pollutants into the ocean and the air. Thousands of tonnes of hazardous chemicals will be produced, transported, stored and consumed. The pulp mill will lock in two generations of future Tasmanians – our children and grandchildren – to a whole new set of risks.

If the pulp mill goes ahead, what will Tasmania look like in 50 years’ time?

forests

In 50 years, an area of native forest 11,000 times the area of land shown in this photo will be clearfelled to feed the mill.

pollution

In 50 years, the pulp mill will dump 1,270,000,000 tonnes of effluent into Bass Strait. This will include over 7,000 tonnes of organochlorines containing some of the most toxic substances known to science. Some of these, such as dioxins and furans, build up through the food chain and can cause diseases and reproductive abnormalities in fish. Other pollutants disgorged include resin acids, sterols and chlorates. What impact will this have on seals, dolphins and the fishing industry?

In 50 years, the pulp mill will emit thousands of tonnes of particulates and other pollutants into the already heavily polluted air of the Tamar Valley. This could exacerbate the rate of illnesses and deaths from respiratory diseases such as asthma and lung cancer.

The state government has exempted the pulp mill from national air-pollution limits. And Gunns has asked for permission to exceed the limits for nitrous oxides.

“There are already approximately eight deaths a year in Launceston due to air pollution. Any additional pollution from a pulp mill is unacceptable.”

Dr A Ernst, Physician, Launceston

“I have worked in an ECF pulp mill. I have seen the pollution they pump out. This pulp mill is bad news for our health and the environment.”

Hendrik Veltman, Ex-pulp mill worker, Newstead

taxpayer handouts

Gunns has already been given a $2.4-million gift from the federal government for the pulp mill. $3.1 million more are on the way. Propaganda for the pulp mill has been carried out by the state government’s Pulp Mill Task Force at taxpayers’ expense.

Over $100 million of taxpayers’ funds have been allocated to destroying forests and replacing them with plantations over the last 10 years. Millions of dollars of tax-breaks have been given for new plantations.

When the international pulp market suffers a downturn, will the government give away our forests to keep the mill running?

“So many jobs depend on Tasmania’s clean green image. If the pulp mill goes ahead jobs will be lost in the tourism and wine industries.”

Marion Semmens, Vineyard Owner, Deviot