

# **GUNNS LIMITED BELL BAY PULP MILL PROPOSAL**

## **Notice and invitation to comment under the Commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act)**

Notice is hereby given under Section 95(2) of the EPBC Act inviting public comment on a proposed action by Gunns Limited as designated proponent of the proposal to construct and operate a bleached Kraft pulp mill at Bell Bay, Tasmania, and associated infrastructure.

The pulp mill is proposed to be located approximately 35kms north of Launceston within the Bell Bay major industrial zone on the eastern bank of the Tamar River.

The proposed action also involves:

- the establishment of a wharf adjacent to the pulp mill site on the Tamar River;
- a waste disposal facility, water storage dam and quarry (if required) on the eastern side of the East Tamar Highway adjacent to the pulp mill site;
- on-site chemical production;
- an effluent outflow pipeline from the pulp mill site to a diffuser proposed to be located offshore of Five Mile Bluff;
- a water supply pipeline from Lake Trevallyn, near Launceston, to the water storage dam at Bell Bay; and
- a workers accommodation facility on the southern outskirts of George Town (if required).

The capital cost of the project is approximately \$1.5 billion. The pulp mill will incorporate best available technology and set new world standards for pulp mill design.

The action has been determined to be a controlled action under the EPBC Act, and requires assessment by Preliminary Documentation (EPBC. ref: EPBC2007/3385). The controlling provisions under Part 3, Division 1 of the EPBC Act are:

- Sections 18 and 18A (listed threatened species and communities);
- Sections 20 and 20A (listed migratory species); and
- Sections 23 and 24A (Commonwealth marine areas).

The Preliminary Documentation will be available for viewing from 9am Tuesday 8th May 2007 from:

- Gunns website at [www.gunnspulpmill.com.au/epbc](http://www.gunnspulpmill.com.au/epbc)
- Tasmanian Branch and Lending Libraries
- Launceston, George Town, Northern Midlands and West Tamar Council offices
- Library, Department of the Environment and Water, John Gorton Building, Parkes, ACT 2600.

A complete list of public viewing locations and addresses is located at [www.gunnspulpmill.com.au/epbc](http://www.gunnspulpmill.com.au/epbc)

Copies free of charge may also be obtained by collection from Gunns Limited's Head Office at 78 Lindsay Street, Launceston.

Comments in respect of the Preliminary Documentation on the proposed action must be received by 5.00pm Tuesday 5th June 2007.

Comments are to be directed to:

Gunns Limited Pulp Mill Project,  
PO Box 572,  
Launceston TAS 7250.

Or electronically emailed to: [pulpmill@gunns.com.au](mailto:pulpmill@gunns.com.au)

All written comments received will be treated as public documents unless confidentiality is requested. All written comments received will be taken into account in assessing the proposal.

