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ENVIRONMENTAL BEST PRACTICE GUARANTEED BY GUNNS

Gunns Limited is committed to building a low impact pulp mill that sets new benchmarks of environmental, social and economic excellence, ensuring the latest and greenest technology is engaged.

A low impact mill has been proposed by Gunns Limited that will meet – if not exceed – the toughest environmental guidelines in the world.

Gunns Limited's pulp mill experts have spent considerable time travelling around the world to visit the cleanest and greenest pulp mills in operation. These scientists, engineers and designers are now located in Tasmania, ensuring their knowledge is transferred to the Bell Bay Pulp Mill.

Gunns Limited Executive Chairman John Gay said there is no doubt that huge advances have been achieved in technology development in the past decade, especially in the bleaching process to whiten pulp.

Mr Gay said the State Government's guidelines, established by the independent Resource and Planning Development Commission, make no distinction between Elemental Chlorine Free (ECF) and Total Chlorine Free (TCF) technologies – both of which do not utilise elemental chlorine.

"The use of elemental chlorine has been diminishing around the world to the point there are very few mills in existence using this compound," he said.

"Gunns Limited has never had any intention of using elemental chlorine in its Bell Bay mill.

"This is outdated technology.

"Elemental chlorine is not accepted under the guidelines so Gunns Limited would be wasting its time and money exploring any technology that is not acceptable to the RPDC."

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