

Bell Bay Pulp Mill Project



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Project Newsletter

This is the first of many newsletters intended to provide interested community members with information about the Bell Bay Pulp Mill Project. We will provide this information regularly and encourage interested people to make contact with Gunns if they would like more information about the project.

Gunns is pleased to advise you that the next construction phase activity of the Bell Bay Pulp Mill Project will begin in August 2011. While the site has been cleared and made ready for earthworks for some time, Gunns Ltd has allocated a budget of some \$20 million for the next stage of construction of the \$2.3 billion project.

Bulk Earthworks

This next phase will be "Bulk Earthworks", comprising a substantial level of on-site activity to be undertaken over the August 2011 to March 2012 period. Information on subsequent phases will be provided as those arrangements are finalised.

Key Facts and Figures

In order to keep interested parties well informed, a table of key facts are provided overleaf

Environmental management and controls

Gunns has all necessary environmental regulatory approvals in place.

A comprehensive regime of Federal and State approved surveillance monitoring will be in place. The Project's [Construction Environmental Management Plan](#) provides specific controls for the construction period, addressing aspects such as threatened flora, fauna, environmental noise, Aboriginal and historic cultural heritage surveys in line with the detailed conditions of State Permit and Commonwealth Approval.

The cleared area has been minimised as far as practical and hours of work, blasting time and frequency (2x per day) will be managed to reduce any disturbance to local residents, particularly those within the Rowella area.

Noise, vibration (from blasting), surface water run-off, ground-water and dust will be monitored carefully to assist with the environmental management of the construction site.

Surface water run-off will be managed intensively and, when the area dries out, as can be expected with the change of seasons, the operational environmental management will focus on the effective suppression of dust to prevent it causing nuisance to the closest residents.

Key facts and figures	Timing or measure	Notes
Commencement	August	
Expected duration of works	Approximately 7 months	
Hours of work	Nominally 6.00 am - 7.00 pm 6 days per week	While the construction permits allow for 24/7 construction activities to occur, this work pattern is unlikely to occur within this phase.
Types of equipment to be used	Excavators, dump trucks, bulldozers, roller/compactors, water carts, rock breakers, drilling rigs, crushers, graders	
Numbers of people engaged on the construction site	Approximately 30 - 50	Further support will be drawn from project staff in Launceston and/or located at the former Gunns Forest Products - Tamar Chip Mill offices.
Amount of earth to be moved	800,000 cubic metres	
Rock to be blasted and crushed	225,000 cubic metres	

Community contacts

Over the coming weeks, Gunns' will be liaising extensively with the community about a number of matters as the project moves into the next phase of mill construction. We will also be putting in place a local community liaison committee to deal with the amenity issues that arise through construction and operation of a major infrastructure project. We will provide updates on these initiatives as they are implemented.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the Project or construction activities, please feel free to contact Gunns via one of the options below and we will respond to your enquiry or concern as best we can.

Gunns is pleased and proud to be further progressing the Bell Bay pulp mill project, and reaffirms its commitment to work with the many and varied interests in such a significant project.

To provide comment or for general enquiries for publication please use our 'blog' site at gunnsblog.com

For general enquiries or more urgent concerns associated with construction activities please use our contact telephone lines; (03) 6335 5201 (B.H.) or 1800 265 297 (A.H.) or email us at pulpmill@gunns.com.au.