



The Hon Tony Burke MP

Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

B11/359

Mr Greg L'Estrange
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10 MAR 2011

Dear Mr L'Estrange

I refer to *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* approval EPBC 2007/3385 to construct and operate a bleached Kraft pulp mill at Bell Bay, Tasmania, and associated infrastructure, and the Environmental Impact Management Plan (EIMP) prepared by Gunns Limited under that approval.

I have considered the remaining Modules L, M (including the C-BOMP) and N of the EIMP along with the advice from the Independent Expert Group. I advise that I have decided to approve Modules L, M and N.

I have also approved amendments to Modules A, D and F-G-H-K as requested.

In addition, I have approved the variations of the approval conditions and the replacement of the maps in schedule 1 pursuant to subsection 143(1)(c) of the EPBC Act as formally agreed in Gunns Limited's letter of 16 February 2011.

Yours sincerely

Tony Burke



VARIATION TO CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO APPROVAL

Gunns Limited - Pulp Mill, Bell Bay, Tasmania (EPBC 2007/3385)

This decision to vary conditions of approval is made under section 143 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Proposed action

Person to whom the approval is granted	Gunns Limited ACN 009 478 148
Proposed action	To construct and operate a bleached Kraft pulp mill at Bell Bay, Tasmania, and associated infrastructure – EPBC 2007/3385

Variation

Variation of conditions of approval	The variation is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vary condition 1 of the approval so as to delete the schedule 1 maps attached to the variation to conditions dated 5 January 2009 and replace with the revised maps attached;• Delete condition 32 attached to the approval dated 4 October 2007 and the variation of condition 32 dated 5 January 2009 and substitute condition 32 as specified below;• Delete condition 41) (g) attached to the approval dated 4 October 2007 and substitute condition 41) (g) as specified below; and• Add new condition 49 as specified below.• For ease of reference the consolidated conditions attached to the approval, inclusive of the amendments made as a result of this decision, are provided at Attachment A.
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Date of effect	This variation has effect on the date the instrument is signed.
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Person authorised to make decision

Name and position	The Hon Tony Burke MP Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
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Signature	
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Date of decision	10.3.11
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Variation of Conditions attached to the approval

1. The action shall be as per the site maps at Schedule 1.

32. Gunns Limited must sample the effluent discharge from the operation of the pulp mill on at least a daily basis. Subject to the EIMP the pulp mill must not operate if the monthly average effluent concentrations from the pulp mill exceed the maximum limits provided in the EIMP.

41) (g) The effluent monitoring regime must be consistent with Australian Standard AS5667.10

49. If the person taking the action wishes to carry out any activity otherwise than in accordance with the plan referred to in condition 2 the person taking the action must submit for the Minister's approval a revised version of that plan. The varied activity shall not commence until the Minister has approved the varied plan in writing. The Minister will not approve a varied plan unless the revised plan would result in an equivalent or improved environmental outcome over time. If the Minister approves the revised plan, that plan must be implemented in place of the plan originally approved.