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**PULP MILL REPORTS ARE GREAT NEWS FOR TASMANIA**

The expert scientific and engineering report by international consultants Sweco Pic confirms that the Bell Bay pulp mill will use Accepted Modern Technology to safeguard the environment.

The report shows that the alarmist claims about dioxin levels, air emissions and the hundreds of other alarmist claims put forward by opponents are unfounded.

The social economic study by Australian experts ITS Global, also dispels the myth that other industries such as tourism or fishing would suffer. Instead it methodically lays out the advantages to the Tasmania in terms of jobs, taxation and most important a future for rural and regional communities.

“These reports provide a sound positive basis for regulators to develop operational conditions for the pulp mill that will be presented to Parliament for approval.” Mr Adrian Coward, Northern Regional Manager of Timber Communities Australia said today.

“This assessment process is democracy at its best as the elected members of Parliament have the final say. It is also completely open and transparent.”

The Government and print media outlets are to be congratulated for making the two reports available on their web sites. It is important that the facts can be checked against wild claims by anti pulp mill forces.

“These reports highlight the great opportunity for Tasmania to move forward and help secure our futures on a sustainable development basis.”

The reports also show that technology for pulp mills has greatly advanced since the Wesley Vale proposal in 1989, just as technology of plasma TVs, mobile phones and the internet been improved in the last 20 years.”

The developer is to be congratulated for committing to meet the recommended conditions and to change the chemical plant from cutting edge technology to a more conservative and established best practice process.”

“TCA fully agrees with ITS Global that the net benefit for Tasmania will be positive and high.”

“Its time to take a stand for our future and support this clean and green, value adding, job creating , environmentally safe, down stream processing development.” Mr Coward concluded.

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