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PRE PREPARED SUBMISSIONS DOMINATE PULP MILL ASSESSMENT AND IGNORE GREENHOUSE GAS

The Federal Environment Minister, Malcolm Turnbull has announced that he has received “over 30,000 submissions” on the pulp mill, yet according to activist web sites the majority were form emails.

There is absolutely no way of knowing just how many came from the Tamar Valley, but it appears the vast majority were from a Sydney based cyber activist web site.

A total of 31,323 submissions came from just two web sites; 25,773 form emails from the activist web site ‘Get up’ and 5,550 submitted from the Wilderness Society web site. (Both sites promote their total of form submission)

The Wilderness Society is meant to protect Wilderness and lately has campaigned on old growth forests, yet the developer has stated that no old growth logs will be used as feedstock to the mill, and as 97.5% of high quality Wilderness is reserved in Tasmania there is no impact on the Tasmanian World Heritage Area.

The Sydney based “Get Up” is also running a petition on global warming to be presented at APEC, almost a 100,000 people have signed up, over 4 times as many as the anti pulp mill form email.

“Just how many of these people concerned about climate change would have signed if they knew the proposed pulp mill would save 1.1 to 1.3 million tonnes of GHG each year?.” Mr. Barry Chipman, Tasmanian State Manager, Timber Communities Australia said today.

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TCA research shows that by reducing shipping and using renewable biomass for its main power source, the proposed environmentally friendly pulp mill will save more GHG than emitted each year by the whole of the ACT including the nation's capital, Canberra.

That research also shows that in just one year it will remove more GHG than the first four years of the Federal Environment Minister's light bulb replacement project.

This project, hailed as an environmental world first, will remove only 800,000 tonnes of GHG in the first four years. (see attached). During that time the proposed Tasmanian pulp mill will be removing over 5 million tonnes.

Tasmanian timber dependent families are pleased that the Federal Environment Department has advised their Minister that overseas experience demonstrates that conversion from elemental chlorine to Elemental Chlorine Free (ECF) pulp mills, (as is the proposed Bell Bay mill, with non-measurable dioxin effluents) has resulted in dramatically reduced levels of dioxins and furans in sediment and biota, rather than producing environmental or health problems caused by dioxins.

"We are looking for the Chief scientist to confirm this scientific evidence as soon as possible, so timber families can get on with their lives." Mr Chipman concluded.

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No Pulp Mill

*****Submissions to the public inquiry have now closed -- you can still share your thoughts on our blog*****

The proposed Gunns pulp mill in the Tamar Valley represents a major threat to Tasmania's environment and economy.

Federal Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull still has the power to veto the development of the pulp mill, and enough public outcry will put him under real pressure to do so.

He has already given interim approval to the mill, but is receiving public comment on the decision until FRIDAY, 31ST AUGUST.

Send your urgent comment on the proposed pulp mill to Malcolm Turnbull today! We encourage you to write your own message, but by simply clicking on the link below we will send him a prepared message on your behalf.

Click [here](#) for some talking points.
Resident of Wentworth? [Click here](#)

26,052 have joined this campaign - help us get to 25,000.

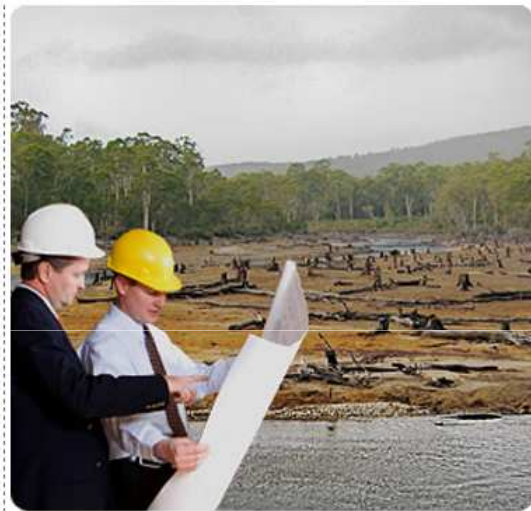


104.21% achieved 104.21% of our goal. *Let's keep going!*

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* Last Name:
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Please separate multiple email addresses by using commas.

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The Latest on this Campaign



Cyberactivist : noun a person using internet campaigning tools to bring about social or political change.

Dear Friend

Help protect Tasmania's future - send a message to Malcolm Turnbull and Peter Garrett about Gunns Ltd's pulp mill now

Tasmanian woodchipping giant Gunns Ltd wants to build a massive chemical pulp mill in northern Tasmania. This forest-hungry pulp mill will be a disaster for our climate, wildlife and future. It will also dump thousands of tonnes of poisonous effluent into Bass Strait every day, threatening marine life, tourism and the fishing industry.

This proposal was being assessed by the independent Resource Planning and Development Commission (RPDC), until Gunns withdrew from the agreed assessment process earlier this year and entered into a fast-tracked approval process with the State Government. As a result the contributions of dozens of experts critical of the pulp mill's impacts have been sidelined.

Despite the public outrage over the fast-tracked approval process, Federal Environment Minister Malcolm Turnbull has announced that his Department has recommended conditional approval for the pulp mill. Mr Turnbull invited public comment on this recommendation. Submissions closed at 5pm, Friday 31 August.

However, even after these submissions have closed, you can still have your say about this mill. **Please make your voice heard and send a message to Malcolm Turnbull and Peter Garrett now!**

Yes, count me in

Dear Geoff,

Please send my message to Minister Turnbull and Shadow Minister Garrett asking them not to approve the proposed pulp mill.

5701
people have signed so far!

[Read what people are saying to Minister Turnbull and Shadow Minister Garrett about the proposed pulp mill.](#)

My Personal Message:

Read the standard messages my personal message will be added to:

- Minister Turnbull
- Shadow Minister Garrett

Media Release

World first! Australia slashes greenhouse gases from inefficient lighting

Tuesday, 20 February 2007

Malcolm demonstrates CFL lights to the Children at Double Bay Public

In a world first move, the Australian Government is taking action to phase out inefficient light bulbs.

The step, announced today at Double Bay Public School by Minister for the Environment and Water Resources, Malcolm Turnbull MP, should reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions by 4 million tonnes by 2012. (See the photo gallery section of this website)

The reduction in emissions will increase as the phase out progresses and the annual average reduction between 2008-2012 is estimated at around 800,000 tonnes.

However, by 2015 the annual cut in emissions will have soared to an estimated 4 million tonnes per annum.

Household lighting costs can be reduced by up to 66 per cent.

"The most effective and immediate way we can reduce greenhouse gas emissions is by using energy more efficiently," Mr Turnbull said.

"Electric lighting is a vital part of our lives; globally it generates emissions equal to 70 per cent of those from all the world's passenger vehicles."



“But it is still very inefficient. We have been using incandescent light bulbs for 125 years and up to 90 per cent of the energy each light bulb uses is wasted, mainly as heat.”

“A normal light bulb is too hot to hold – that heat is wasted and globally represents millions of tonnes of CO2 that needn't have been emitted into the atmosphere if we had used more efficient forms of lighting.”

“These more efficient lights, such as the compact fluorescent light bulb, use around 20 per cent of the electricity to produce the same amount of light.”

“A compact fluorescent light bulb can last between 4 and 10 times longer than the average incandescent light bulb, which can lead to major savings in household energy costs.

“While they may be more expensive to buy up front, they can pay for themselves in lower power bills within a year.”

In Australia, lighting currently represents around 12 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions from households, and around 25 per cent of emissions from the commercial sector.

Working with its state and territory counterparts, the Australian Government will gradually phase out all inefficient light bulbs and is aiming for full enforcement of new lighting standards legislation by 2009 to 2010. Special needs areas, such as medical lighting and oven lights, will be taken into consideration.

The Government will also work with the world's largest manufacturers of light bulbs, including China, to broaden the benefits beyond Australia.

“The International Energy Agency has estimated that if all countries made the global switch to compact fluorescent lights that by 2030, annually it would save energy equivalent to more than 5 years of Australia's current electricity consumption,” Mr Turnbull said.

“The climate change challenge is a global one. I encourage other countries to follow Australia's lead and make the switch to more energy efficient products like compact fluorescent light bulbs.”

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