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PULP MILL CLARIFICATION OF PLANNING PERMIT WELCOMED BY TIMBER COMMUNITIES

Tasmania's timber dependent families welcome the Planning Minister's amending legislation for the Bell Bay pulp mill.

The amendment removes any doubts created and avoids a repeat of time delaying litigation by so called special interest groups.

"Already we have seen delay after delay caused by federal court action against the pulp mill, this legislation should now avoid wasting more of the court's time." Mr **Barry Chipman**, Tasmanian State Manager of Timber Communities Australia, said today.

"The state government is to be congratulated for putting the clarification bill through Parliament. Without doubt the anti pulp mill extremist groups will now resort to their tired old record of personal vilification, cries of corruption, secret deals, lines in the sand and other outrageous claims, despite the mill being approved by the Commonwealth."

Tasmania cannot afford to lose the pulp mill which will value add our tree farm and regrowth forest resource creating both local and state wide jobs, at the same time adding \$6.7 billion to our states economy, as well as saving over a million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.

Tasmania's timber families are now hopeful that the final steps in the value adding journey will progress very quickly and the full construction of the mill will commence as soon as possible." Mr. Chipman concluded

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