

TASMANIAN PLANNING COMMISSION

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Dear Mr Chipman

GUNNS PULP MILL ASSESSMENT

Thank you for your letter dated 9 February 2010.

You have asked the Tasmanian Planning Commission to “confirm or advise otherwise if Dr Raverty was a member of the Resource Planning and Development Commission, and if the Commission or the Assessment Panel made a finding that the ‘mill did not meet its standards’.”

To be a member of the former Resource Planning and Development Commission required appointment by the Governor. Dr Warwick Raverty was not appointed as a member of the Commission. However the Commission did delegate some of its functions and powers to a four member assessment panel for the purposes of carrying out an integrated assessment of the Gunns pulp mill proposal. Dr Raverty was one of the panel members and, as such, a delegate of the Commission.

The Commission or assessment panel did not make any conclusive findings in relation to the Gunns pulp mill proposal as the proponent withdrew from the assessment process. The assessment of the proposed pulp mill was not undertaken and therefore no findings were made. With the withdrawal of the proponent from the assessment process the Commission had no further role in the assessment of the proposal.

Yours faithfully



Greg Alomes
EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONER