PETITION TO RESTORE DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES

To the Honourable President and Members of the Tasmanian Legislative Council, in Parliament assembled.

The Petition of the undersigned *Citizens of Tasmania declares that, in relation to the pulp mill assessment*, your Petitioners *want the protection of* ***due process****, a return to* ***public participation*** *in planning, and* ***equal treatment*** *for all.*

Tasmania's state government is exposing Tasmanian communities and industries to serious risk by abandoning due process and by failing to conduct proper risk and cost analyses of the proposal. These actions result in an unrealistic one-sided evaluation that shows false economic promise and creates a dangerous precedent for planning.

Studies show that Tasmania could lose much more than it stands to gain if forest, farm land and water resources are provided preferentially to a pulp mill, and/or if the Tamar air-shed and Bass Strait become polluted. We citizens and our children will carry the burden of such costs and risks for decades to come.

And **your Petitioners request** that the Legislative Council ***refuse to approve any pulp mill until a complete and independent study of the risks and costs to other industries and communities has been conducted*** *(to Australian risk assessment or federal Treasury standards and including the likely total costs of all subsidies);* ***and made public and properly debated in the Parliament.***

Petitioners - please ONLY sign this petition once

NAME **(Please print name)**	**ADDRESS** **(Please print address in full)**	**SIGNATURE**

PETITIONERS – MUST BE TASMANIANS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN TASMANIA

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