

# "JUST ONE TOXIC SCALLOP AND THE WHOLE INDUSTRY IS BUGGERED."

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Tasmania's thriving aquaculture industries rely on their international reputation for high quality seafood sourced from the cleanest oceans in the world. The pipeline from the pulp mill will pump out into Bass Strait 69 million litres of tea-coloured pollution every day, or in other words the equivalent of 3 olympic swimming pools an hour, 24 hours every day of the year. This water **will** contain potentially dangerous dioxins and furans that are known to build up in filter-feeders such as scallops and abalone. Compounding this risk, the part of Bass Strait that this will go into is known for its very slow flushing rates in summer and autumn.<sup>1</sup>

The presence of poisonous dioxins and furans is not in dispute. The question is the amount, and whether this is acceptable. However when it comes to the **exact level** of poisons this mill will pump out, **no-one seems to know**. Even the **proponents** had to re-submit their submission to the RPDC because they had first **underestimated** the amount of toxins by **45** times.<sup>2</sup>

And it gets worse. **The most recent guidelines allow the operators to exceed the limits.**<sup>3</sup> As Tasmania is the only state that does not have an EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) the operators of the mill will monitor any problems themselves.

We are not against jobs or development, but for our **entire** fishing industry, **this** mill is not a clever future-**it is an unacceptable risk**. One toxic scallop will cost us our international reputation, jobs, and livelihoods.

## THE PULP AND CHEMICAL MILL. NOT WORTH THE RISK.

<sup>1</sup> Sandry submission to the RPDC. Paul Sandry from Flinders University is the recognised scientific authority on Bass Strait currents.

<sup>2</sup> Toxikos (Consultants to Gunns Ltd) Human Health Assessment Erratum 15 Sep 2006.

<sup>3</sup> Tasmanian Government Pulp Mill Assessment Bill 2007

Despite what the government says, the majority of Northern Tasmanians do not want this mill.

18% undecided. Only 36% in favour.

**46% AGAINST AND GROWING**

**WHAT YOU CAN DO...**

**Contact your Federal Members and Senators**

Malcolm Turnbull can stop this mill. Explain to him that this mill will jeopardise our future. Find his contact at [www.investorsfortas.com](http://www.investorsfortas.com)

**Contact your Legislative Councilors**

They can stop this mill. Point out to them that we have a clean green economy that for the last 15 years has given us prosperity. Find their contacts at [www.investorsfortas.com](http://www.investorsfortas.com)