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NEW TAMAR VALLEY COMMUNITY GROUP!

- MORE PULP MILL OPPOSITION IN THE TAMAR - JOHN GAY'S RESIGNATION

A new community group, **Friends of the Tamar Valley**, has formed with the intention of working with other concerned Tasmanians to stop the proposed Tamar Valley Pulp Mill.

Friends of the Tamar Valley's membership & supporters are from a broad cross section of the Tamar Valley community and are united in their determination to stop this unwanted pulp mill from ever being built.

"The pulp mill would be detrimental to the Tamar Valley, risking human health, the environment, the local economy and lifestyles" said Judith King, a member of Friends of the Tamar Valley and resident in the area.

"The resignation of John Gay from Gunns & Southern Star coincides with the inauguration of **Friends of the Tamar Valley** and only serves to strengthen the group's objective to ensure the pulp mill does not proceed" Ms King. "Mr Gay's resignation should deliver a clear signal to the Bartlett government that the mill is finished.

"Premier Bartlett must show integrity & reconnect with the people of the Tamar Valley by immediately withdrawing any & all government support. He must also repeal the **Pulp Mill Assessment Act** and allow the Tamar Valley Community the same justice, certainty and the right to a future that it gave the Gunns logging company over 3 years ago when it fast-tracked its pulp mill. This is long overdue."