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**FRIENDS OF THE TAMAR VALLEY INC**

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The community group **Friends of the Tamar Valley** today released a dossier giving a brief overview of why **we will continue to campaign locally, nationally and internationally to stop the proposed** Tamar Valley pulp mill.

After almost **6 years** and in anticipation of an imminent announcement on private **forestry negotiations**, Friends of the Tamar Valley believe that negotiators should be reminded of why the Pulp Mill is non-negotiable to the people who live in the region.

“FTV is **opposed to any pulp mill in the Tamar Valley**,” member of FTV, Vanessa Bleyer said. “At this crucial time, when FTV and other community groups know that there are negotiations taking place between environment and industry groups, it is **timely** that a **professional and fact-based document** be produced. The public deserve to be aware and reminded of why no pulp mill in the Tamar Valley is acceptable” she said. “The dossier does this”. “FTV are resolute in ensuring that no pulp mill proceeds in the Tamar Valley”.

The proposed Tamar Valley pulp mill will:

- Seriously compromise existing jobs, pulp mill sensitive businesses and the iconic Tamar Valley’s **\$500million a year tourism industry**;
- **adversely affect the health** of the 100,000 people that live in the Tamar Valley;
- verify an **improper assessment process** for approval of the mill;
- dump 64,000 tonnes of toxic effluent off the northern shores of Tasmania every day.