

MEDIA RELEASE 19/10/2010
FRIENDS OF THE TAMAR VALLEY INC

NO TAMAR VALLEY PULP MILL IN FORESTRY DEAL

Community group Friends of the Tamar Valley **welcomes the absence of support for a Tamar Valley pulp mill** in the forestry deal.

“FTV is **opposed to any pulp mill in the Tamar Valley** because of the negative impacts it will have on community health, jobs and other industries in the Valley,” spokesperson for FTV, Vanessa Bleyer said. “FTV is resolute in ensuring that no pulp mill proceeds in the Tamar Valley.

“The absence of support in the forestry deal for a pulp mill in the Tamar Valley is a step towards bringing an end to the time-wasting exercise of pretending a Tamar Valley pulp mill will proceed. FTV calls on Premier Bartlett to bring the proposal to an end without delay, after the community has spent almost 6 years fighting to protect its beautiful 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**:
 - Gunns is not about jobs, which Gunns proved by closing the Scottsdale mill yesterday **sacking 120 Tasmanians**. If the pulp mill proceeds, it will create just 280 jobs. At the same time, the pulp mill will cause the loss of well over 1000 jobs, with 1044 jobs lost from the tourism industry and at least 175 jobs from local fishing businesses.
 - **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,”
- Ms Bleyer said.