

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## PULP MILL CORRUPTION UNDER INVESTIGATION

Today, community group Friends of the Tamar Valley lodged a complaint with Tasmania's Integrity Commission enabling an investigation into the proposed pulp mill in the Tamar Valley.

"The complaint names a number of public officers, including former Premiers Paul Lennon and David Bartlett," spokesperson for FTV [INSERT NAME] said.

"Following extensive research, FTV has identified serious misconduct and the public officers involved should be brought to account" [INSERT NAME] said. "Public officers should be reminded that there is no place for corruption in the State of Tasmania including in respect of the proposed pulp mill."

Allegations in the complaint include:

1. Then Premier Paul Lennon and then head of the Department of Premier and Cabinet Linda Hornsey obstructed the RPDC assessment of the proposed pulp mill, which is a criminal offence.
2. Then Premier Paul Lennon gave false evidence to an Upper House Select Committee when he said that he did not know Gunns was going to pull out of the RPDC assessment.
3. Former Premier Paul Lennon acted inappropriately when Gunns' lawyers were retained in the drafting of the Pulp Mill Assessment Act.
4. Former Attorney General and Deputy Premier Steve Kons acted improperly when he destroyed a cabinet document, which is a criminal offence.
5. Former Premier David Bartlett acted improperly through the acquisition of land for the Dilston Bypass also being used for Gunns' pipeline.