

A SUBMISSION TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE on  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

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INQUIRY INTO TRIABUNNA WOODCHIP MILL  
AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR THE TRIABUNNA REGION.

(Owing to unforeseen circumstances we are unable to prepare a submission in the normal format. However the enclosed documents will I trust be acceptable to the Standing Committee. It is important for Tasmanians to know how the current situation evolved but also to have hope for decades to come – the attachments cover both).

In brief

1. Our business has been involved with the forest industry for more than 40 years and we have a firsthand appreciation of the ramifications of closing the Triabunna mill. Importantly the closure affects not only Triabunna but the whole State – its economy, employment and morale .
2. We made representations to the Glamorgan/Spring Bay Council against the rezoning of the mill site and later to the Planning Commission but seemingly to no avail.
3. We are firmly of the opinion that the port should not be sold and that access to it be retained - by compulsory acquisition if necessary. Tasmania is an island state –to a large extent ports are our lifeblood. There are ports in the North , North-West and South but the East Coast has no deep sea port to service current or future industries.

4. Should the sale and closure of the Triabunna Mill be treated as a matter of State significance?

Does Tasmania really have the luxury of not only closing an industry but also closing the port - albeit a port opportunity for the future?

Is Tasmania really 'OPEN FOR BUSINESS'?

Should ASIC investigate (on behalf of Gunns' shareholders and creditors) the circumstances relating to the sale of the mill when the higher offer was not accepted?

The attached documents provide documentary evidence of our extreme concern over the impact of recent decisions on Tasmania.

*Yours faithfully*  
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