TASMANIA

PULP MILL ASSESSMENT (AMEND PERMIT CONDITIONS) AMENDMENT BILL 2007

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(Brought in by Margaret Ann Putt MHA)

A BILL FOR

An Act to enhance the democratic decision-making power of the State Parliament by amending the *Pulp Mill Assessment Act 2007* to allow the suspension of debate on the Pulp Mill Permit for the purpose of Parliamentary Committee inquiries, including public hearings, and the seeking of independent expert advice, and to restore to both Houses of Parliament the ability to amend the conditions contained in the Pulp Mill Permit.

Be it enacted by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Pulp Mill Assessment (Amend Permit Conditions) Amendment Act 2007.*

Commencement

2. This Act commences on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

Principal Act

3. In this Act, the *Pulp Mill Assessment Act 2007* is referred to as the Principal Act.*

Act to bind Crown

4. This Act binds the Crown in right of Tasmania and, so far as the legislative power of Parliament permits, in all its other capacities.

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^{*} No. 4 of 2007

Section 7 amended (Approval of Project)

- 5. Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (2) and inserting the following as a new subsection (2):
 - (2) (a) Each House of Parliament may, prior to the commencement of debate on the resolution to accept or reject the pulp mill permit, institute and hold Parliamentary Committee investigations with sufficient time to allow for public hearings and the receipt of independent expert advice.
 - (b) Each House of Parliament may amend the Pulp Mill Permit.
 - (c) Each House of Parliament, by resolution, is to accept or reject the Pulp Mill Permit.