

14/8/2014

The Chairman,
Parliamentary Inquiry,
Former Triabunna Chip Mill,

Dear Sir,

Ref. Former Triabunna Chip Wharf.

I write as an individual who has been involved in Forestry, currently we have Tourism and Commercial business on the East Coast of Tasmania.

My family is most concerned in the process & mechanism implemented to close the Triabunna Mill.

After spending about 35 years in local Government & 12 years as Mayor, I heard evidence at the hearing, if proven, some aspects of deconstruction works to be deficient.

Other than reflecting badly on all jurisdictions and Managers for Triabunna Investments, who gloated about methods used in the demolition process, the previous infrastructure cannot be re erected and will be documented in history.

The process used & lack of community consultation with stake holders had devastating results on the social fabric and economic viability on the Triabunna Region.

Further more the new Owners & Managers of the Mill, knew or should have known the damage the closure would cause to the Region & Forestry in Southern Tasmania.

Triabunna Investments may well argue that they have no obligation to consider social fabric & economic viability for the Region & Tasmania.

Evidence at the inquiry acknowledged the purchase of the Former mill site, has caused the former deep sea Port & wharf, is currently land locked by the new owner's, Triabunna Investments.

As this site has the potential to be a vital public infrastructure for the Region & Tasmania in particular, it is importance for the Tasmanian Government to take immediate action to ensure the private sale is stopped and acquisition is made to obtain an adequate corridor to the former Chip Mill Wharf.

I will be overseas until the end of September 14.

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Yours Sincerely

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