

**WESLEY VALE PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY (REPEAL)
BILL 2011**

SECOND READING SPEECH

- Mr Speaker, I move that the Bill be now read a second time.
- The purpose of this Bill is to repeal the *Wesley Vale Pulp and Paper Industry Act 1961*.
- The *Wesley Vale Pulp and Paper Industry Act 1961* was developed to specify the terms and conditions under which a pulp and paper mill would operate at Wesley Vale.
- The mill ceased operations in March 2010 and decommissioning and rehabilitation of the site have been underway since that time.
- There is no foreseeable intent to locate a similar enterprise at the site, and even if this was to occur, it is anticipated any new development would be more appropriately governed by more recent legislation including the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*.

- Mr Speaker, the closure and subsequent rehabilitation of the mill site means the *Wesley Vale Pulp and Paper Industry Act 1961* is redundant and can be repealed without consequence.
- Indeed, in February 2011, the parent company of Tas Paper, the operator of the mill, endorsed the repeal of the Act.
- Mr Speaker, I commend the Bill to the House.