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Pulp mill can not proceed without RPDC assessment

The Tasmanian Conservation Trust has today reiterated that the proposed pulp mill must not, and can not proceed without assessment by the RPDC. TCT Director Craig Woodfield said that the withdrawal of the proposal by Gunns must not result in some form of enabling legislation from the Tasmanian Government.

“If this occurs, then due process, transparency and accountability in Tasmania is well and truly dead and buried.”

Mr. Woodfield pointed out that the proposal must also be assessed by the Commonwealth Government, and that the mechanism for doing this was delegated to the State via the bilateral agreement.

“Without an assessment process at a state level, there is no assessment process at a Commonwealth level, and there can therefore be no approval at a Commonwealth level. Our preliminary advice is that the project is dead.”

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