

# How to join TAP Into A Better Tasmania

## Who is TAP Into A Better Tasmania?

A community-based independent group, 'TAP Into A Better Tasmania', is standing up for the community, business, health and the environment.

Gunns' proposed pulp mill in the Tamar Valley threatens Tasmanians way of life through pollution of air and water, the takeover of farms by plantations, expanded native forest logging, increased competition for water supplies, damaging economic impacts on existing businesses (tourism, wineries, food, fishing) and harm to community health.

### Three things to know

1. The proposed pulp mill (in July 09) is:

- yet to receive all federal permits
- yet to be signed off by the Gunns Board
- yet to be approved for finance
- opposed by most Tasmanians



2. Government subsidies to Gunns, a private company, are funds lost to hospitals and schools. Estimates:

- Payments for one time capital costs = **\$399m** (so far)
- Ongoing taxpayer-funded support = **\$360m/yr**
- Cost if mill operates for 30 years = **\$10.8bn** (30 yrs x \$360m/yr)
- Total over 30 years = **\$11.2bn** (see [www.tapvision.info](http://www.tapvision.info))

3. Our state politicians have passed an anti-democratic law (Section 11, Pulp Mill Assessment Act) which blocks your rights to appeal for compensation from damages to your business, property values or health caused by the pulp mill.

### Become better informed

- Join us at TAP meetings, 7 pm every second Thursday. See the events calender on [www.tapvision.info](http://www.tapvision.info) for the dates of the next meeting. (Community Centre behind Riverside High School, West Tamar Hwy; entrance off Brownfield Lane)
- Sign on to the TAP email list ([tapcontact@gmail.com](mailto:tapcontact@gmail.com)) for regular updates.



### Join TAP

I wish to join TAP Into A Better Tasmania

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (m) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to TAP Inc. c/o Treasurer, PO Box 392, Launceston 7250.

### Make a donation

Yes, I want to support the work of TAP for a healthy, diverse and vibrant Tasmania.

1. Make a donation payable to TAP Inc:  \$100  \$60  \$20  \$40 Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward your cheque or money order to TAP Inc. c/o Treasurer, PO Box 392, Launceston 7250.

2. Donate online at [www.tapvision.info](http://www.tapvision.info) with a secure credit card payment.

Thank you for your valuable support.

