

TASMANIAN PULP MILL

“The CFMEU affirms its support for sustainable industrial developments such as pulp mills that are backed by verified, independent scientific advice.

Importantly, pulp mills will only be sustainable where they protect, enhance and advance the rights and social interests of workers. Pulp mills must also be ecologically sustainable.

Conference notes the conditional approval of the Tasmanian Pulp Mill by State and Federal Governments after exhaustive independent scientific studies and reviews and notes the significant improvement in the balance of trade that the mill will provide and the fact that the mill will result in a reduction in nett national CO2 emissions.

Conference recognises that the significant employment opportunities during construction and operation of the Tasmanian Pulp Mill will only be realised where collective agreements negotiated with the relevant union cover all workers in all types of work.

Conference observes that there are currently two existing pulp mills operating in Tasmania and in the last hundred years there have been two other, larger pulp mills in the state.

The environmental standards of this mill far surpass those pulp mills with the proposed mill incorporating leading edge technologies.”

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