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New book critiques environmental assessment of pulp mill

A new book critiquing the environmental assessment of Tasmania's proposed Tamar Valley pulp mill is being released today.

Pulp Friction in Tasmania: a review of the environmental assessment of Gunns' proposed pulp mill is an edited collection. It features chapters by academics from a wide field of disciplines, including Politics, Environmental Studies, Philosophy, Business, Aboriginal Studies, and Law.

The book's contributors include 12 UTAS academics.

Dr Fred Gale, Senior Lecturer in the UTAS School of Government, whose research interests are national and global environmental governance focussing on the political economy of forestry, is the editor of *Pulp Friction*.

"Given the pulp mill went through four separate environmental assessment processes, one might reasonably conclude that its impacts have been comprehensively evaluated – but have they?" Dr Gale asks.

"To answer the question, the book situates the pulp mill proposal within its broader historical, political, legal and philosophical contexts. It identifies serious deficiencies of process and outcome, especially regarding the assessment of the mill's impacts on natural heritage, Aboriginal heritage, the sea, the air and the economy."

Dr Gale is the author of *The Tropical Timber Trade Regime*, *Setting the Standard* and *Global Commodity Governance*. He has also edited two other books, *Nature Production Power* and *Confronting Sustainability*.

For more information about the book and for a full list of contributing authors, see www.pencilpinepress.com

For more information/interviews, please call Dr Fred Gale, UTAS School of Government, on: (03) 6324 3376.

Media note: Dr Gale is based at the Newnham UTAS campus. He is available between 9-5 today but will be teaching from 2-3.

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