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HEALTH ISSUES UNRESOLVED - STILL NOT SUPPORTED

AMA Tasmania advised in a position statement on 25th September 2006 that it would not support the proposed Tamar Valley pulp mill due to concerns over adverse health impacts.

Professor Walters, President of AMA Tasmania said, "AMA Tasmania is the only independent organization that addresses key public health issues to constantly try and improve the health of the Tasmanian community. The AMA will constantly strive to be an honest broker and give the Tasmanian community unbiased objective information and opinion on such issues.

The SWECO PIC report released today does not materially change the AMA's long term position, although the improvement in data quality is appreciated. "The air quality report confirms that the mill will add to potentially health-damaging particulate matter entering the Tamar valley, which is already one of the most polluted parts of Australia on a seasonal basis. Although the quantified effect from the model used is not as great as initially feared, the forecast additional amount of fine particulate matter is still a move in the wrong environmental and health direction. AMA Tasmania remains concerned about overall health implications of this site for the mill in the Tamar Valley" Professor Walters said.

In light of the AMA position statement and ongoing concerns, AMA Tasmania notes that long term accountability for any increase in adverse health outcomes, directly or indirectly from the mill, will therefore rest with all those in leadership roles.

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