

## **Gunns 20 case set to continue, 4 remain**

Today's court appearance in the Victorian Supreme Court has seen another 2 people depart the Gunns 20 case. This leaves 4 defendants whose lawsuit is based around community opposition to logging in the Tasmanian valley of Lucaston. The defendants are Adam Burling, Huon Valley Environment Centre, Brian Dimmick and Lou Geraghty.

“Lucaston residents opposed logging on over 1000 acres of forest, the industrial scale development would have changed this idyllic valley forever. Residents spent 4 years trying to convince Gunns not to log, even offering money to buy the land. Gunns Ltd went ahead with part of the logging and residents were left with no choice but to peacefully protest. Now we are being sued for that protest,” Said Defendant #1, Adam Burling.

“The community of Lucaston won its battle against the timber giant. We halted the chainsaws, bull dozers and log trucks that would have destroyed this beautiful valley. Five years on, Gunns Ltd is hounding residents through the Supreme Court for daring to speak out and oppose their industrial scale logging.

Gunns Ltd are the neighbours from hell, they poison or shoot native wildlife, cut down the forests and run you off the road with heavy vehicles, no wonder we did not want them as part of our community,” said Mr Burling