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Gunns20 defendants victorious – Gunns to pay \$155,088.00

The Gunns20 case has come to an abrupt and embarrassing end for Gunns just days before trial.

Gunn Ltd, Australia's largest woodchipper, has agreed to drop the case against defendants and pay them \$155,088.00.

The four remaining defendants, who were sued, along with 16 others, for \$6.4 million in 2004, have claimed this as a massive victory for free speech and Tasmania's native forests.

Adam Burling, defendant#1 said:

“This is a humiliating back down by Australia's largest woodchipper.”

“This case has been a shambles from beginning to end.”

“This result is a victory for free speech and Tasmania's forests.”

Together with this settlement Gunns have paid defendants over \$1.3 million in settlements and costs awards. At Gunns 2009 AGM it was revealed Gunns' costs were \$2.8million.

- **Adam Burling (in Hobart) is available for comment on 0407 541 335**

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