



Letter to the Editor

Dear Sir

Time costs money and jobs. The Greens know it. That is why the Save the Tarkine group is blocking Venture Minerals' Riley Creek mine development in Tasmania's north-west in the Federal Court. Venture Minerals say the delay is costing the company \$50,000 per week. That is why green groups are trying to block in the courts the Bell Bay pulp mill from proceeding.

These politically motivated legal claims are designed to kill off development, growth and jobs.

The Meander dam development was all but ready to proceed and was costed at less than \$23 million in 2001. However the Tasmanian Conservation Trust took the State government to the Federal Court. Nearly three years later the development was costed at \$35 million, thereby undermining the viability of the project and costing farmers and others more for their water. Another politically motivated legal action that confirmed delays costs money and jobs. Fortunately the project was able to proceed with community support.

Tasmanians have had enough of this green obstructionism.

It's time to end the green tape and red tape. Bring on an election.

Kind regards

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