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**REASONS FOR DECISION UNDER *ENVIRONMENT EFFECTS ACT 1978***

**Title of Proposal:** Heywood Pulp Mill Relocation

**Proponent:** Heywood Pulp Pty Ltd

**Description of Project:**

The Heywood Pulp Mill would be capable of producing 350,000 tonnes of pulp per annum from wood chips sourced from eucalypt plantations in the Green Triangle Region of south-west Victoria and south-east South Australia. The original site for the pulp mill was on Timbercorp land containing an established blue gum plantation. A comprehensive Environment Effects Statement (EES) was prepared for this site and Amendment C23 to the Glenelg Planning Scheme was subsequently approved.

Because of potential geotechnical risks associated with the site assessed through the EES process, the proponent has requested an extension of Special Use Zone 5 in the Glenelg Planning Scheme to facilitate re-siting of the mill onto a farming property south of the original site. The location shift is likely to be of the order of 200 to 500 metres. The new site is largely cleared of native vegetation and is about 3 km north of Heywood in Glenelg Shire.

**Decision:**

The Minister for Planning has decided that an environment effects statement is not required for the proposed re-siting of the Heywood Pulp Mill as described in the referral received on 20 February 2007.

**Reasons for Decision:**

- Environmental issues associated with the project – at its original, nearby location - have been extensively assessed through an EES process;
- The new project site mostly consists of cleared agricultural land.
- The site relocation is unlikely to significantly affect native vegetation or biodiversity, since it is proposed to avoid disturbance of remnant native vegetation in the south-west corner of the site and to utilise an existing gap in native vegetation along the rail reserve for the rail siding to the site as well as the existing vehicle entrance to the farming property for road access.
- Potential effects on landscape values and residential amenity are likely to be of local significance only and can be managed through the provisions of the Schedule to Special Use Zone 5 of the Glenelg Planning Scheme.

**Date of Decision:** 4 April 2007