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Spectacular jungle protest against planned destruction by Andritz AG

With a spectacular action against the **company building of Andritz AG** in Graz thirty activists protested today by Greenpeace and [ECA Watch](#) against its involvement in the "**Bell Bay**" **paper factory**, a giant **pulp plant in Tasmania**. With the transformation of Andritz's main entrance in a wood-eating monster highlighted by the environmental activists that the company Grazer significantly involved, one of the last virgin forests to destroy our planet.

"After the Ilisu dam in southeast Turkey to the Andritz AG and the **Austrian Kontrollbank** now another scandal-project," says Thomas Wenidoppler by ECA Watch. "Massive environmental impacts and a massive **resistance from the population** in spite of this project should be pushed through," said Wenidoppler further. On to Australia's island of [Tasmania](#) to be with the Bell Bay pulp mill, the **third largest paper mill in the world** to be built, and the

outrageous consequences for nature. To operate the factory, finally being able to be in the next two decades, some **200,000 hectares of virgin forest** and **cleared** by **eucalyptus plantations** replaced.

"The Andritz AG wants to build a paper mill, a jungle area almost as large as Vorarlberg will destroy, and our tax money is intended as a backing store for this excuse," Greenpeace spokesman criticized Jurriëns Westerhof. "That had chosen a company from the Green Mark again in such an environmental scandal involved, is really a shame. **Andritz Kontrollbank and the need** for this vital project **off**," urged Westerhof.

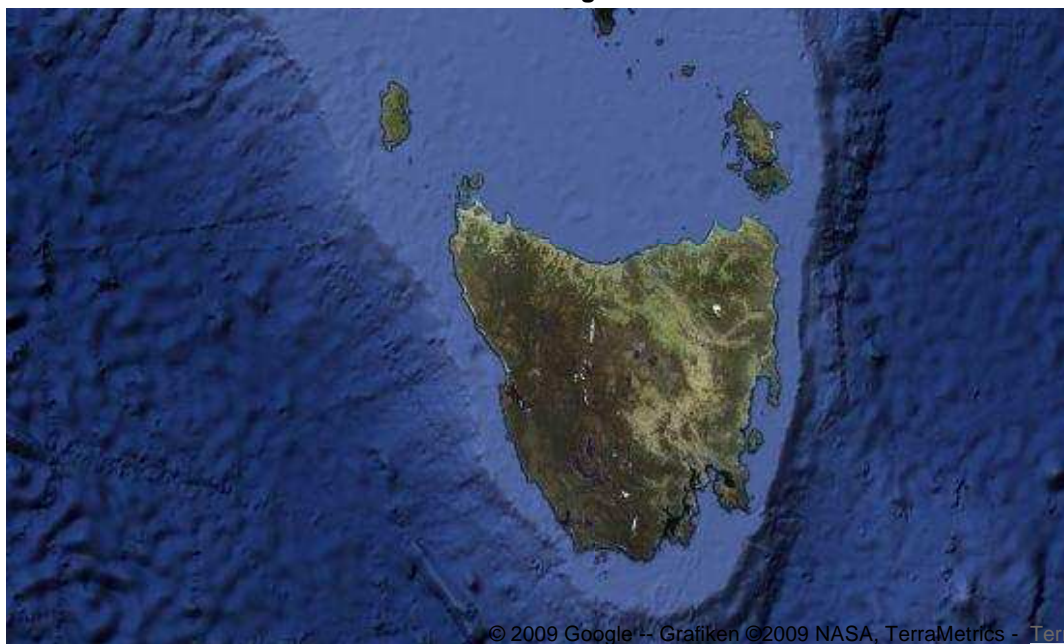


The wood-eating monster in front of the main entrance.



The arrow indicates the proposed local pulp plant.

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[Tasmania](#) on a larger map

Incalculable consequences for nature, humans and animals

Through the jungle clearings and operation of the plant each year would be around **ten million tonnes of greenhouse gases** to escape, almost the entire annual emissions equivalent to Styria. The consequences for nature, man and animal would be incalculable: Numerous only species occurring in Tasmania - including the **Tasmanian devil** as well as over a thousand years old and more than a hundred feet high **mammoth trees** - would be in their existence seriously threatened. Because of this project are already in Australia numerous **court cases pending**. Both Australian and many international banks have already rejected a financing - among them the domestic banks, Hypo Vereinsbank, RZB and Ers Also, the Bank Austria will declare themselves to not participate. Nevertheless, the And join the project and a portion of the contract spread over five hundred million euros from can Kontrollbank.



Tasmanian Keilschwanzadler

ECA Watch and Greenpeace have decided to speak against this disastrous project in 1 forests of Tasmania: "We will not allow the clearing Andritz one of the last primeval forest planet gains can write," are Westerhof and Wenidoppler agree.

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