



A Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation (SLAPP) is a lawsuit that is intended to censor, intimidate and silence critics by burdening them with the cost of a legal defence until they abandon their criticism or opposition.



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- In the style of McLibel
- 60% footage already shot
- Unique access over a six-year period

When a powerful forestry corporation uses the legal system to silence public protest, the opposition find themselves not just fighting for the right to free speech, but the right to exist in their own community. From the inside, young filmmaker Heidi Douglas traces the extraordinary journey of those ordinary citizens who became known collectively as the Gunns 20. They were defendants in a landmark legal action, called a SLAPP suit. But they fought back. We share the challenges, tears, heartache and joy of these committed defendants determined to prove that justice is not something you can pay for.

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