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The Hon Kristina Keneally
Premier of New South Wales
Copy To: My Local MP

Dear Premier Keneally

Woodchipping of South East Forests and "Dead Koala Power"

I am asking for your urgent action to save the koalas of the South East Forests of NSW from extinction and to stop the woodchipping of these forests, including for electricity generation.

State Forests (a NSW Government agency) is about to start woodchipping the forest areas where the last remaining koalas survive in the south east. A fragile, surviving colony of up to 50 koalas has been identified recently, by your own Environment Department, in a region that once had hundreds of thousands of koalas.

At the same time the NSW ALP Government is considering approval for a woodchip fired power plant at the Eden Woodchip Mill contrary to its promise never to use native forest wood for energy generation.

I believe a woodchip fired power station at Eden is: -

- ◆ not a genuine 'clean green energy source' and will undercut solar, tidal and wind power generators.
- ◆ not acceptable given the urgent need to stop logging, woodchipping and clearing of native forests around the world, including Australia, to reduce CO2 emissions. We could save up to 20% of Australia's CO2 emissions if we stopped this destruction of forests and woodlands here, NOW.
- ◆ "Dead Koala Power" in that it will assure the regional extinction of the South East Forests' koalas and many other endangered forest species including owls, gliders, possums, bats and Superb Parrots.
- ◆ opens up a vast new market for woodchips on top of the massive export market of woodchips for paper production. Nearly a million tonnes a year are exported right now from Eden to Japan.

I believe it is time that the NSW Government took all logging and woodchipping out of our wonderful forests and created a genuinely sustainable logging industry based on plantations.

I want to see your Government commit to such an approach before the next State election.

Please pass this letter on to the Minister for Planning and count it as a submission opposing the Eden Woodchip Fired Power Plant

Yours sincerely,

Signature: [REDACTED]