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FW: Do not burn our native forest for electricity

FORM LETTER SIGNED BY 52 INDIVIDUALS



Subject: Do not burn our native forest for electricity

Dear Premier Keneally,

I ask you to reject the proposal to build a bio-mass furnace to generate electricity at the Eden Chip Mill.

The proposal for a five megawatt generator to be fuelled by wood waste from the chip mill will encourage the continued logging of native forest in South East NSW.

'tudies by the Australian National University show that a large amount of carbon is stored in our native forest. Logging these forests releases vast amounts of greenhouse gas emissions which will take many decades to replace.

Logging native forests for wood chips is a major source of emissions in NSW. The biomass furnace will only worsen this situation by providing further financial incentive to continue logging operations.

The logging of native forests in South East NSW destroys biodiversity, including the last colony of Koalas on the far South Coast.

Up to twenty other bio-mass generators are proposed around Australia. Your decision on the Eden Chip Mill furnace will set a precedent. I ask you to reject this project, not only for the South East forests of NSW, but for forests around Australia.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,