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Dear Minister

PLEASE REJECT THE EDEN CHIPMILL WOOD FIRED POWER STATION

I am writing to ask you to reject the application from South East Fibre Exports (SEFE) for a wood fired power station at the Eden woodchip mill.

If you approve the proposed plant, you will be entrenching a regional woodchipping industry that exports one millions tonnes a year of native forest chips.

Without the continuation of this destructive industry at similar levels, there would be no fuel for the plant and little need for it, since the proposal would use electricity generated to power woodchipping operations.

On figures provided by the chipmill itself, 71% of the "waste" wood will come from native forests of the region. It will only be available if the forests of the south east continue to be woodchipped at unsustainable levels.

There are also concerns about emissions from the chipmill. While the application to your department states that the distance from the town of Eden is 35 kms, it is actually only 3 kms across the bay. It is only 35kms by road.

This means that local residents may be exposed to any toxic emissions from the power station.

When SEFE made its original presentation to the Bega Valley Shire Council on 26th October 2008, company managers said that there would be "NO" emissions at all.

They have subsequently modified this claim and now say that they will abide by EPA guidelines.

This is not good enough.

Residents of the south east region are keen to switch to renewable energy, but wood fired power is not clean or renewable and definitely not "Green."

Solar, wind and tidal power could all be generated in this region and the State government should be encouraging them.

Yours sincerely



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Please help us
look to the
future. & invest
in the future
instead of living off the
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PS. I am not against progress but it must be "green" and sustainable.