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I am protesting about the logging for woodchips.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
23rd February, 2018

Wood logging trucks run through the Eurobodalla state to Eden in the Bega Valley. The logging of hardwood trees is so short-sighted as not only are they slow growing but that these trees are taken to a mill where they are cut up into woodchips which are sold to Japan who in turn either make the chips into paper or we buy the chips back in chipboards for building materials. It takes a lifetime for these trees to mature and the rate the trees are being torn down will leave Australia without any more hardwood forests. The forests just do not regenerate at the rate they are being cut down. So why not use plantations for our wood needs not these magnificent hardwood trees?

The logging process destroys fauna and flora alike, destroying habitats and ruins the beauty of the landscape. In turn this causes not only soil erosion but water runoff too.

Yours sincerely,

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REGIONAL FOREST AGREEMENTS

I am writing to protest about the forestry logging that takes place for wood chipping.

This process is destroying our forests and is such a short-sighted industry policy. The heavily laden lorries travel through the Eurobodalla state and into the Bega Valley shire to Eden where they are taken to a mill which turns these huge trees into woodchip to be exported to Japan, where it is then transformed into either the wood chip boards for building materials or into paper.

These magnificent hardwood trees will never regenerate in our lifetime only poor mono-species forests will spring up in their place. Plantations could supply our domestic wood needs quite easily that way we can save these hardwood giants.

The whole process not only destroys fauna and flora habitats but also causes soil erosion and water runoff causing mud slides, further denigrating the land by not only making it inhabitable but also ruining the beauty of the landscape.

None of which is hardly rocket science. Since as early as 1804 Alexander von Humboldt had already seen the dangers of deforestation leading to arid deserts. There followed other scientists in the 19th century: George Perkins Marsh, Ernst Haeckel and John Muir who all independently acquiesced his prophesies. Even if these nineteenth century scientists' evidence is considered out of date by today's standards to preserve our forests, it can be backed by 21st century statistics.

Ultimately, it simply demonstrates this country's successive governments' total disregard for Aboriginal culture in tearing down hardwood forests, putting profit before any sensitive regard for the environment on every occasion.

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