

NOT TREE WASTE

Our thanks go to Robert Evans for exposing the loggers' spin in his letter published January 9th.

Note first the signature convenient confusion surrounding the word 'waste'. The fact is over 2,000 whole logs per day are being trucked directly into the Eden woodchip mill. This one million tonnes per year includes over 80% of the standing trees being logged as 'waste' throughout Eden-Monaro. Logging like this is banned in Indonesia and PNG because it generates massive carbon pollution. Growing new trees is good, but very slow. Logging old trees is mad, and fast.

Our South-East NSW target for reducing carbon pollution by 2020 can be partly addressed by a relatively low-cost transition from native forest logging. Unfortunately the only pennies paid to our forest managers in 2009 are for logging our natural carbon sinks. That needs to change.