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Eden Woodchip Hub *'Timber Optimisation'*

Where are our innovative **emergency 'Carbon Optimisation', 'Jobs Optimisation' & 'Wildlife Optimisation'** proposals? Opportunities die if this selfish development *clear-fells* native forest regions of Eden, South Coast and East Gippsland.

Fortunately, on **27-Apr-20**, *Natural Resources Commission* RFT 10031551 requested **'Carbon balance of NSW Forests: Quantify carbon balance of Forests and how it may change under different policy, management & climate scenarios'**.

State Forest logging, burning & wood-chipping creates the largest annual carbon emissions from South East NSW.

50 years ago liars told us *'just the heads & tails waste'* from saw-logs go into wood-chips. Trouble began as Ministers made *State Forests 'self-funding'*. As saw-logs ran low, *uncontrolled wood-chipping from whole-logs filled their wallets*. Today over 90% of whole-logs are trucked directly to the Eden Chip Mill, and 70% of forest carbon is lost to emissions. State Forests have never had a **'social licence'** to log primarily for wood-chips, let alone sell 20% of logs for Firewood!

We are developing a **'100-year State Forests Carbon Credit'** Proposal for our NSW Govt. based on a COP 26 'Rule Book'. **Wildlife** including Australia's *unique* gliders, parrots and Threatened Species need **100-year-old-tree hollows** to survive. **First**, (a) **stop logging emissions** & (b) deliver **'carbon capture & storage'** credits from our publicly owned State Forests. **Next**, pay LALCS & Farmers to grow **'Carbon Forestry' Plantations**. Both *could* deliver **credible 'Zero Emissions by 2050'**. **Jobs** (e.g. Youth & Aboriginal) in each Local Gov. Area are funded by Governments' 100-year State Forest Carbon Credit.

We support *Plantation Forests* already supplying 85% of timber & **300 jobs** in Southern NSW. **Plantation wood is good.**

JOBS are being displaced by massive logging machines in all State Forests, clearing one hectare per day per operator job. **Eden's new 'Automated' Pallet Plant*, Sawmill & Briquette Production 'Hub' will cause more job losses**, starting in Eden and Narooma(*Boral say they only provided *'technical advice'* to this *'Timber Optimization Hub'* DA Applicant).

JOBS in nature-based tourism already dominate. 'Timber towns' have evolved into 'tourist towns' on our South Coast. After COVID-19, road visitors 'half-way' from Melbourne, Sydney & Canberra will start returning to **Eden** more than ever. Later on, yachts and cruise ships will inevitably rediscover Eden as the only deep-water port between Sydney and Hobart (welcoming 100 cruise ships in 2018). Tourism is booming in Tasmania with visitors attracted by World Heritage **natural areas**. Our **'Unspoilt'/Wilderness Coast** offers many *unique Australian National Park & Aboriginal Heritage experiences*.

Sapphire Coast Tourism (Bermagui to Victorian border) already **attracts \$350 million per year**, with Eden Killer Whale Museum (Heritage Tourism) and Kiah Wilderness Tours (Ecotourism) our top tourism award winners in 2018.

Eurobodalla (Narooma to Batemans Bay) Mayor Innes said in 10-Oct-18 "We want to be a leading nature-based tourism destination. We welcome 1.3 million visitors to our part of the world. **Tourism supports 90% of local jobs** (65% directly)".

Job-generating Aboriginal cultural heritage projects like the iconic Bundian Way are also adversely affected by this DA. **This 'Eden Timber Hub' is the wrong development in the wrong place.** This area is a prime tourism opportunity, better suited to something akin to a modern *'Eden Adventure Camping Ground'*; serving the nearby warf, highway, Boyd Tower, & *'Light-to-Light'* South Coast track, also linking Eden beaches to the epic east-west 350 km **'Alps2Coast' Bundian Way**.

Capital investment around the **Eden Warf** reflect the *potential* of this key iconic location and *surrounding natural region*. Could this DA's huge *Colourbond Steel Sheds 'drum'* amplified production-decibel **noises** clear across Twofold Bay? The **12 Metre Smoke Stack** must never contradict our visitors **views** from restaurants, lookouts and the decks of cruise ships. **Visual & noise pollution must never accompany a Twofold Bay 'Air Shed' of toxic gas fumes & increased forest smoke.**

'Why risk killing the goose that laid the golden egg' in Eden's surroundings of unique marine & natural forest assets?

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