



# Bega Valley Shire Councillors will soon be asked to decide whether to let the Eden woodchip mill build Australia's first pellet plant using native forest wood

## OUR FORESTS ARE TOO VALUABLE TO WOOD CHIP OR BURN AS PELLETS

**This decision is historic.** It has importance far beyond the Bega Valley Shire. The eyes of Australia will be on us as our Councillors vote.

- Native forests are our best carbon stores. They store and filter water, protect topsoil from erosion, provide food and shelter for wildlife.
- Ending logging is the quickest and cheapest way to remove greenhouse gases from the atmosphere.
- The proposal is an attempt by a dying and unprofitable industry to prolong its life for decades more and find a new source of in-

come, relying on continuing, rising taxpayer subsidies of native forest logging (now \$15 million a year in NSW).

The Eden chipmill is majority owned by the Nippon Paper Group, Japan's biggest paper maker and Australia's biggest woodchipper. Other Japanese paper companies have improved their environmental performance and moved to plantations. **Nippon Paper still destroys native forest for woodchips and now wants to convert them to pellets for heating and electricity.**

Wood pellets, approximate actual size



**Energy from native forests is NOT CLEAN, GREEN or RENEWABLE**

**TAKE ACTION NOW**

With just a few clicks you can let Bega Valley Shire Councillors know you oppose this project by signing our cyber letter at <http://www.change.org/petitions/bega-valley-shire-councillors-please-dont-approve-a-wood-pellet-plant-at-the-eden-chipmill>

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