

## SENATOR BOB BROWN SPEAKS TO THE BERMAGUI COMMUNITY



Senator Bob Brown attended a meeting in Bermagui Community Hall on 28<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the recent logging activities in the State Forest at Bermagui. At the commencement of the meeting there was standing room only with an estimated attendance of 500. Most people in the audience attended because of concern for the environment, but a few attended whose occupations were in the logging industry. The original landowners were acknowledged.

Helen Caldicot preceded Senator Brown's speech. She drew the analogy that, as Senator Brown was a Doctor, he was "practicing national and global preventative medicine". The BDN (02.12.08) quoted Senator Brown as having said: "We are bonded by nature." "This cradle of humanity is being destroyed at the greatest rate in history and every morning we wake up there is less there then (sic) there ever was before." "... the world sets its store by how much money can be made. It used to be for need but now it's for greed".

Senator Brown received a standing ovation – there was a great feeling of unity in the meeting despite a few dissenters. Many thanks to all those who were involved in organising and running the meeting.

### **Resolution of Public Meeting at Bermagui Community Centre of Friday 28 Nov 2008.**

That this public meeting condemns the ongoing degradation of our South East Australian native forests and the proven disastrous consequences on: climate, water, biodiversity and the wellbeing of future generations. To this end we demand that the NSW Government ceases the unsustainable logging of native forests and source timber from existing plantations. This meeting also calls upon the NSW Government to not risk the future of the region's last know koala population by logging these coastal native forests which provide critical habitat that mitigates the impact of climate change.