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Dear Dr Kelly,

With Labor bringing forth its budget, including 'green' initiatives, we would like to once more express our heartfelt opposition to including native forest woodchip burning for power in any sort of energy credits.

There is at present a crisis in the timber industry. Like many crises, this crisis presents an opportunity. This is an opportunity to move on, and resolve the crisis by moving entirely away from the logging of native forests. It is an opportunity for people to move into jobs with a future, not only for the present workers, but for future generations. Just as people moved on from the whaling industry (an obvious example in Eden), we can move on from the native logging industry. This time, the jobs, on plantations, in tourism, in machine operating and truck driving for other industries, in real forest management, can be sustained for a long time.

If Labor tries to placate one union by selling out what's left of our native forests, they will leave an enormous negative footprint in the present and the future. Not only will this guarantee the end of much of our unique wildlife and our rare beauty, and set back our fight against climate change, drought, and bushfire, but it will also cause health problems for the locals and drive the tourists away. A local motel owner told us that many tourists cut their holidays short over the Easter break because of burnoffs causing breathing problems for their children, etc. If the odd burnoff does that, what will constant burning of timber do?

Please pass this our opinion on to Rudd, Garrett, Swan, Wong, and whoever else will be driving the green initiative part of the budget. I could go on about the feelings throughout the community that you represent, but I think you will already know that there is widespread opposition to anything that furthers the destruction of our native forests.

Sincerely yours,
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