

Letter to Govt:

Subject: Please vote against using native forest wood for biofuel

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To: All Senators

Dear Senators,

I believe that you are due to vote soon on measures pertaining to biofuels acceptable for green credits.

Green credits for burning native forest wood to generate power is laughable. Scientists throughout the world tell us that preserving native forests is one of the best ways to capture carbon, and to fight climate change. The native forest logging industry in Australia is deservedly in trouble now. Why bail this destructive industry out with green credits?

Green credits make sense when renewable sources such as the sun and wind are used. Burning 'waste' from our native forests, which only exists if extensive woodchipping continues, is not renewable.

Scientists say that burning wood for power generates far more greenhouse gas than burning coal.

I don't know how or why this legislation has gotten this far, but you can stop it. Politics is politics, but no matter what spin we put on our actions, the actions are going to do what they do. We can prattle on about 'balance' and 'waste,' and burn up our future, or we can take the moral high ground, and vote down these credits for native forest biofuels.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,
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