

## **LETTER to Mr D Gazard and Dr M Kelly, Heather Kenway**

At the Clean Energy for Eternity Meet the Candidates Forum in Bermagui [on Monday evening 9 August 2010] you both claimed that the World Wildlife Fund supports the proposal by South East Fibre Exports to construct a power plant using forest waste.

These claims are wrong. WWF opposes the proposal. Attached is a copy of the WWF submission opposing the proposal being considered under the NSW Part 3A Planning processes. See the following extracts:

### **"Summary**

WWF does not support SEFE's proposed 5MW Biomass power station. WWF urges the Minister to reject the application until such time as:

1. Any biomass sourced from a native or natural forest be FSC-certified; and
2. A comprehensive full life-cycle analysis of the GHG emissions associated with the forest operations (providing the residue), the transport of biomass to the power station and of the power station operations has been completed and made available for public comment.

"The supporting material also does not appear to provide a sufficiently comprehensive full life-cycle analysis of the GHG emissions associated with the forestry operations. While it is true that the biomass proposed to be fired is said to be residual waste, the scale of the operation cannot be said to be trivial and therefore it is appropriate that a full life-cycle GHG analysis should be undertaken by an independent third party. Furthermore, WWF does not support forest-based biomass which is not FSC certified being eligible for Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)."

Serca argues that a full life-cycle GHG analysis would show that the logging and burning associated with the supply of wood and production of electricity would cause serious GHG pollution, and that both the logging and the power generation would be far from carbon neutral as they are currently deemed to be.

Serca expects that you will not continue to make these erroneous statements, and especially not in the context of the current election campaign. Given that it was a large public meeting at which you made the statements and the politically contentious nature of the SEFE power plant proposal, it would be appropriate for you both to issue statements correcting the public record.

I have taken up your misrepresentation with WWF, and am copying this message to your party leaders.

Yours sincerely  
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