

Letter to the Editors of Eden Maggot and the Merimbula News Weekly in response to Vince Phillips, August 2009

Vince Phillips, Corporate Affairs Manager of the Eden chipmill (MNW 19/8/09) has claimed that woodchips are a high value product because a tonne of copy paper costs \$2,000.

I would like to point out that NSW taxpayers receive on average approximately \$56 in royalties for the 4 tonnes of trees that Mr Phillips' company chips to make that tonne of paper.

That \$56 does not cover the costs that Forests NSW incurs in making available that quantity of wood.

There is something being added there, but I'm not sure I would call it "value."
Harriett Swift

Chipstop campaign against woodchipping