

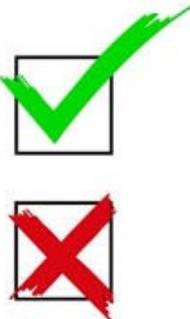
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## years of woodchipping- the South Coast Adani

**EDEN WOODCHIPPING - half a century of  
destruction, 28th November 2019.**

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- No social licence
  - Over 42 million tonnes of woodchips exported.
  - More than 31 million trees cut down and chipped.
  - Hundreds of millions of tonnes of CO2 emissions.
- Economy**
- Woodchipping was founded on the myth it would use “waste wood.”
  - Logging operations now often yield 100% pulp.
  - The price for pulp logs now paid to the State-owned NSW Forestry Corporation is at a record low of \$3.72 a tonne for the Southern Region of NSW.
  - Native forest logging is increasingly marginal for the Forestry Corporation, often making losses, despite heavy subsidies.
  - Woodchipping is one of the most capital-intensive industries. More than \$5M of investment is needed to support every job. Imagine what most small business operators could do with \$5M.
  - Industry jobs have dropped from 450 in 1980 to less than half of that today.
  - Exemption from Bega Valley Shire rates for production forests has saved the Forestry Corporation well over \$300 million.
- Wildlife**
- Koalas reduced from several hundred to about 60.
  - Countless hollow dependent wild creatures like Greater Gliders, Yellow Bellied Gliders and large forest owls have suffered and died as old trees with hollows are replaced by younger regrowth trees.
- The future**
- Jobs at the Eden chipmill have dropped from almost 100 to just over 30.
  - Sawmilling has an uncertain future with Blueridge Hardwoods of Eden facing closure and the Batemans Bay mill closing in 2012. Companies owning the Eden chipmill are likely to become monopoly buyers of every tree felled in the Eden Region. This could result in even more sawlogs ending up at the chipper than we have already seen.
  - In the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley Shires combined, the industry employs less than 1% of the workforce.



<http://www.chipstop.savetheforests.org.au/>



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