

LETTER TO THE PREMIER NSW from Richard Blakers, 18.07.2011

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Dear Barry O'Farrell

I am writing to ask you to urgently intervene in the management of the Eden Region Forestry operations

As you would know these are being conducted primarily to supply timber to the woodchip mill at Eden, with only about 10% going to a single saw milling operation at Eden.

The South East Forests along the coast are mixed age mixed species forest not at all suitable for the type of high volume timber production required by an operation like the woodchip mill.

The forests are extensively used for recreational purposes, and have a high cultural and social value to the region that far outweighs their timber value.

State Forests do not appear to be giving adequate consideration to the non-timber values of the forests, and are engaged in pushing ahead with high volume logging operations against considerable and growing community opposition.

Please in your capacity as premier urgently place a moratorium on any further logging operations, and act to set in place proper and independent community consultation as required under the forestry act so that the regional economic interests are not further compromised.

Yours Sincerely  
Richard Blakers

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