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"In Eden lies knowledge of trees" (October 30-31) and also knowledge of the fact that the so-called "waste" from industrial logging of our publicly-owned native forests makes up about 90 per cent of timber harvested from these forests. We also know the truckloads of full logs travelling to the wholly Japanese-owned SEFE woodchip mill at Eden are not the waste "heads and butts" the industry claims.

The fact that these beautiful, functional carbon stores were cut down, allegedly as a by-product of supplying the sawn timber industry that gets the other 10 per cent, is the true waste. To now want to burn the "waste" of this "waste" while laying waste to these breathing forests is criminal.

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