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Bouquets go to Dr Matthew Nott for organising a Candidates' Meeting at Bermagui on 9th August. As part of discussions on Clean Energy for Eternity, both Liberal and Labor candidates for the Eurobodalla-Monaro electorate opposed an end to the logging of native forests for woodchips. It seems that their decision is based on premises designed to destroy the environment rather than to protect it. The science and the economics say that we should leave trees in the ground to mature and die as nature intended. I want the flora and fauna of our forests to be preserved for all Australians to witness their life and beauty. Some politicians don't seem to have the sensitivity to appreciate that when we walk through forests, they become a part of us. And when you take away the forests, you take away a part of our connection with them and that hurts in places in our souls with which they obviously cannot identify. To me, birth, growth, nurture and nature are why I exist. Destroy the forest environment and you not only upset Suzuki's 'sacred balance', but also offend the innermost core of my being.