

Forums on how native forests combat climate change

South East Region Conservation Alliance Inc. (SERCA) Public Forums are to be held in Bega and Bermagui.

Here is a great opportunity to hear the news, science and politics of the role of native forests in combating climate change- the biggest challenge of all.

Bega CWA, Church Street, Friday 19 September 5.30pm-7.00pm

Bermagui Community Centre, Saturday 20 September 2.00pm-3.30pm

The Bega Forum coincides with the arrival of the Walk against Woodchips and as the Bermagui community gears up to resist logging about to start in their surrounding forest.

One of the organizers, Prue Acton said speakers will cover the recently released ANU "Green Carbon" research.

"Cuts could be made equivalent to 24% of Australia's carbon emissions if we stop logging forests and clearing woodlands," she said.

Top speakers include author, Judith Ajani from ANU, who last week made national headlines pointing out how the Government's proposed emissions trading scheme could actually lead to more logging of native forests while plantations remain in the ground attracting carbon credits.

Margaret Blakers is a brilliant strategist, whose REDD+ concept would help achieve forest preservation in developing and developed countries alike.

Ms Acton said that the forums will help people understand how our region and our forests can benefit from government policy which recognises green carbon.

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