## **MEDIA RELEASE:**

Woodchipping for pulp has been the downfall of the S.E Forests. Sam Davis. 06.08.2011

Today the peaceful vigil in Bermagui Forest continued into it's second month. The community is distressed by the extent of the logging and the imminent destruction of the much loved "Cathedral Trees". New roads have been made into this area and the trees have been marked. Daniel Tuan's(FNSW) statement to the media has been misleading in that most people are not aware of the fact that most of the "Cathedral" will indeed be felled.

It makes little sense that the federal governments' carbon tax has been introduced when, simultaneously this gross degradation continues. The logging, burning and clearing of native vegetation is responsible for nearly 20% of Australia's carbon emissions.

The "Wilderness coast", so declared by Martin Ferguson is being trashed at an unprecedented rate.

Mr Douch (FNSW) informed the crowd that they would be logging for another 3 weeks, in the "Cathedral Trees".

Life time resident Mr Clyde Watt called in to the vigil this morning and expressed shock and disappointment that the forest he had grown up with had been reduced to "rubbish".

Mr Watt stated that "woodchipping for pulp had been the downfall of the S.E Forests".