

## **Local community urged to look carefully at Eden chip mill power station**

Dear Editor,

I noticed in last week's story that the success of the proposed Eden chip mill power station is dependent on local community support.

This explains the last few years of public relations effort by the chip mill to bring people of the Eden area on side.

I refer to the Community Wish promotion in the Magnet where community members were enticed to vote for their voluntary organisation to get a share of the \$10,000 and later \$15,000 offered by the chip mill.

This process cleverly maximised public exposure at minimal expense, particularly when you consider the foreign-owned company have made an annual profit of 30% over 30 years.

As a long-term voluntary worker in the community I was incensed that our work could be cynically used to promote the interests of SEFE.

I urge the people of the Eden area not to sell off your interest in the future environmental health of our region and of the planet so cheaply.

The Environmental Assessment of the power station has to follow the guidelines set out by the Director General and these include accounting of the greenhouse emissions in biomass burning and harvesting.

If done properly this will be the first time the actual carbon footprint of cutting, transporting and burning forests will be accounted for and reported to the public.

We need to know the truth behind this project and then we can decide if it is really "carbon positive" or just another way to make private profits from public forests.

Your's Sincerely

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