

Letter sent to Nippon Paper Company - 10 May, 2010

Dear Sir/Madam,

I live in Australia in the Bega Valley Shire which is located in the southeast section of the State of New South Wales. In our shire there is a chip mill that is owned by the Nippon Paper Company. It is called the South East Fibre Export Company. The chip mill is in a town called Eden which is located on Two-Fold Bay.

Right now, native forests in our area are being logged and turned into wood chips that will be sent to Japan to be made into paper. The native forests that are being logged are in very sensitive areas. One area, Mumbulla Mountain, (a sacred Aboriginal site) contains the shire's only known remaining koala colony. There used to be 1,000's of koalas in our region, but due to logging, development and land clearing, they are disappearing. There are only 50 koalas in the last colony but it too will disappear if this logging continues.

Another area the South East Fibre Export Company will be logging for Nippon Paper is a water catchment that provides the ONLY water supply for a rural community called Wyndham. A water catchment that provides clean water for the oyster farms in Wapengo Lake is now being logged.

The community is very upset that this logging is going on in our native forests and in such sensitive areas.

This logging is not a good advertisement for your claimed environmental concerns.

I would appreciate it if you would contact me regarding this damage that is being inflicted on our community.

I will also be sending this letter to the Japanese Ambassador to Australia, Mr. Takaaki Kojima.

Faithfully yours,

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