

21 February 2011

The General Manager  
Attention: MB Fowler  
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Dear Sir

**Eden woodchip mill pellet plant**

Bega Valley Shire Council DA2011.35 Lot 16 DP 1066187.

I wish to state my objection to this proposed development.

I believe it will be detrimental to the Bega Shire Council as it will help lock the region's economy into a polluting, unsustainable industrial base with no long-term future and will stand as an embarrassing decision when the logging of native forests becomes outside the law.

Each tree stores carbon.

At a time when the current logging and woodchip industry is contributing to Australia's carbon debt minute by minute with every tree logged, it is ignorant, dangerous and unconscionable that any organization would considering implementing a project which had the potential to contribute to our forests' inability to store carbon.

The Statement of Environmental Effects makes little attempt to examine the local or global impacts of this proposed development. Studies have proved that burning wood pellets indoors is the second major cause of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease in the world (ref. available).

In the interests of the local community and the environment it should **not** be allowed to proceed. In the interests of all we are seeing in terms of climate change, carbon debt and planetary health, it should never have even reached the drawing table.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Bronte Somerset