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Environment East Gippsland Inc

National Parks Association south east branch

forestmedia

The Coastwatchers Association Inc.

Friends of DURRAS

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Healesville & Bega Valley *(local groups)*

CHIPSTOP

serca Inc

South East Region Conservation Alliance

Mr Yoshio Haga
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Dear Mr Haga

I am writing to advise you of a recent decision made by Australian conservationists regarding the logging of native forests for woodchips by your company.
A national forum of over 150 conservationists, including representatives of most of Australia's environment groups in Batemans Bay on 11th September, unanimously passed the following resolution:

FOREST FORUM BATEMANS BAY - 11 SEPTEMBER 2010

This meeting calls upon the Nippon Paper Group, as the second largest player after Gunns Limited in Australia's native forest wood chipping industry and owner of the Eden woodchip and the Maryvale paper mills to follow the lead of Gunns in acknowledging public opinion and announcing its exit from Australia's native forests and sourcing all its future woodchips from sustainably managed plantations.
We believe the time is overdue for Nippon to acknowledge, as most other Japanese paper manufacturers and Gunns have now done, that native forests are more valuable as carbon sinks, wildlife habitat and for regulating

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hydrological cycles.
Further, we call upon the Commonwealth, NSW and Victorian Governments and their forest management agencies to facilitate the exit of Nippon Paper and to give an undertaking that they will not seek to replace it with other similar company or companies.

We believe that Nippon Paper could enhance its standing in the Australian and international market place if the company were to adopt this policy.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Hughes
Convener
South East Region Conservation Alliance Inc.
8 October 2010

On behalf of Bega Environment Network, Chipstop campaign, Friends of Durras, South East Forest Rescue, Environment East Gippsland, The Wilderness Society, Forestmedia, The Coastwatchers Association Inc., National Parks Association South East branch, Healesville Environment Watch Inc., The Greens, Healesville & Bega Valley local groups, Chipbusters.