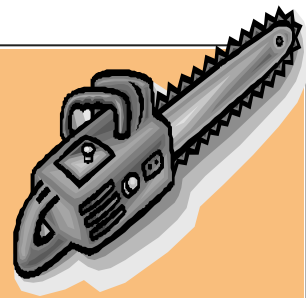


# chipstopper



## Eden Chipmill Mass Rally 2 July

**If you can do only one thing for the forests this year, this is it! Join the mass rally at the Eden chipmill on 2 July.**

This event is intended to restore the forest campaign to its rightful place on the political agenda in an unambiguous way. It will send a message to politicians that woodchipping of native forests must cease and the industry can and must move to existing plantations.

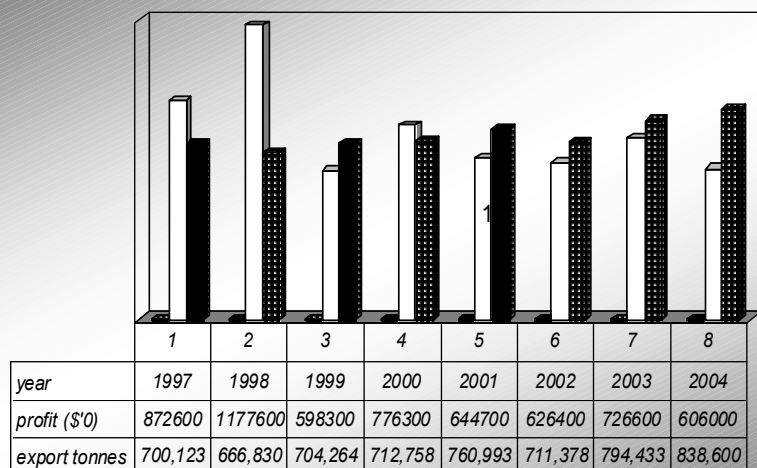
While Eden alone continues to export 840,000 tonnes of chips each year, Australia has enough plantation hardwood to replace this devastation of natural forest. We don't need native forest woodchipping.

No State Forest between Ulladulla in NSW and Bairnsdale in Victoria is safe while the chipmill continues to operate.

The South East Fibre Exports' chipmill does not use waste wood; it only uses whole trees. Forests are clear felled for the sole purpose of chipping and exported, mostly to Japan, to be made into paper. Every tree felled was once home to hundreds of forest dwelling creatures, some now facing regional extinction due to woodchipping. ◀

Worse still, NSW and Victorian taxpayers subsidise this unnecessary industry through below market prices for their trees. It's time to stop the destruction and killing.

**South East Fibre Exports Profits and Export Tonnages**

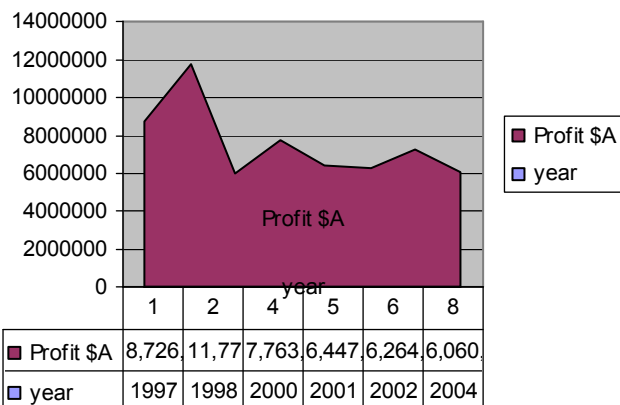


Legend  
□ profit (\$'0)  
■ export tonnes

Can you help with organising the chipmill mass rally? See over for details



**South East Fibre Exports Profits**



## SEFE Corporate Trends

**T**he latest South East Fibre Exports annual report for calendar year 2004 shows some interesting trends in the company's performance.

Most of us would expect profits to be highest when export volumes are highest. Wrong! For SEFE it's quite often the other way around. What does this tell us about the company's behaviour?

For one thing, that when times are tougher, SEFE will sell chips at almost any price to keep the mill ticking over.

licensing has meant SEFE can increase its sales whenever it can find a buyer. It can simply step up its output even when the price it receives may be barely economic.

The chart above shows profit figures before inflation. If they were adjusted for inflation, this trend would be even more pronounced. The profits of the late nineties would be relatively much greater and the dip in profits of the past few years would be far steeper. ◀

For another, the woodchip export volumes are now way above what they were pre-Regional Forest Agreement. The absence of any Commonwealth imposed limits or export



How long since you have visited the Chipstop website? It's worth a new look, with new features and redesigned style.

<http://www.chipstop.forests.org.au>

## New Chipmill Picture



**T**his new aerial photo of the Eden chipmill was taken in April this year. It shows the two chip stockpiles, the larger at the front is darker and consists of chips from mature or "old growth" forest.

The smaller one behind is regrowth chips. These are paler and more highly valued, sometimes passed off as plantation chips. Since mid 2004, the SEFE parent company, Nippon Paper has only been willing to buy chips from this stock pile.

The regrowth chips have longer fibre length and are stronger in paper making. They also don't need as much bleach to convert into bright white paper. The regrowth chips sell at a premium price. One remarkable feature of this scene is the size of the "waste" pile at the rear. These are chips of unsuitable size or quality, or they may be contaminated. They may be burned or sold off cheaply as garden mulch.

Typically, the value of the two stockpiles of chips is between \$3 and \$4 million.

The value of logs stockpiled is about \$1.5million. ◀

## Congratulations, Nick!

**W**hile some have seen the Eurobodalla Council by-election as a slap in the face for the environment in the face of a hostile atmosphere generated by the anti-marine park campaign, this could be a mistake. Independent candidate Nick Summers, a forest activist and 3-time council candidate, more than trebled his vote.

Every time Nick spoke publicly or to the media he said very clearly that he wanted an end to the woodchipping of native forests. He certainly did not pull his punches when it came to making it very clear what he stood for, and yet he won almost 10 percent of the vote. His vote on his first attempt at election

to Council was about 2.5 percent. Our congratulations to Nick for an effective and honest campaign.

These are conservative times, but we don't do ourselves any favours by pretending to be sheep when we are really wolves. We may end up confusing even ourselves if we do that. ◀

## Forest direction signs

**A**re you among the many curious people have wondered about the new suspicious looking numbered red and white marker pegs going up at entrances to State Forests around the far south coast? It's true, they are forestry signs, but we recommend you don't souvenir them. Apparently the signs are emergency direction markers that enable ambulances and other emergency vehicles to easily find a location in the event of an accident. Logging is a very dangerous industry, with many workers injured or even killed. It is a rare year that passes without at least one industrial death in this brutal industry. While arguably the new signs might make it easier for Police Rescue to find us in forest blockades, they inevitably find us sooner or later anyway, so it's not worth jeopardising worker safety just for the possibility of slowing them down. ◀

## FNSW Propaganda Budget



**F**orests NSW spends \$1.5 million a year on propaganda to school children.

This shocking information was received in answer to a question at the State Parliamentary Estimates Committee at the end of last year.

Greens MLC, Ian Cohen extracted the figure from Forestry Minister, Ian McDonald.

The \$1.5M is for so-called "educational activities", which is a euphemism for trying to brainwash school children.

It does not include media relations. Brainwashing the adult public, via the media is costed separately and is over and above the \$1.5M. ◀

## VOLUNTEERS

**Needed to help organise the Chipmill Mass Rally on 2 July.**

If you can help in any capacity, please contact Harriett on 64923134, leave a message at the Environment Network or email [chipmillrally@yahoo.com.au](mailto:chipmillrally@yahoo.com.au)