



# CHIPSTOPPER

## WOODCHIPPERS BREAK TRUCK RECORD

**A** 3-day vigil in the week before Xmas noted a record number of trucks delivering loads to the Eden chipmill. It ended when the chipmill closed at 11am 22 December.

**164 trucks a day**

although it is possible there have been busier days when no monitoring was done.

These survey results are devastating and our worst ever result.

Truck movements for the final three days of the woodchipping year were the highest recorded in recent years.

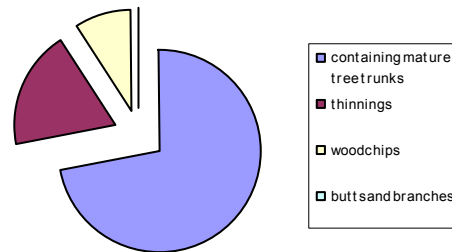
Numbers averaged 162 per day. The previous average trucks per day was 130.

The previous highest recorded tally for a single day during a woodchip vigil was 146,

As well as the high numbers of trucks, the survey results showed:

- a higher proportion (almost 75%) of loads contained large, mature trees;
- a smaller proportion (less than 10 %) were offcuts from sawmills.

Both of these findings are in direct conflict with industry and Government claims.



Conservationists have conducted similar vigils at least once a year. They are an excellent way to monitor changes in the industry and to inform tourists and other visitors about threats to the forests. If you would like to take part in a future vigil, please contact us.

One serious finding is the high number of split logs on trucks. Company spokesmen often state that the mill no longer needs to split logs. They claim this as "evidence" that large old trees are no longer used by the woodchippers.

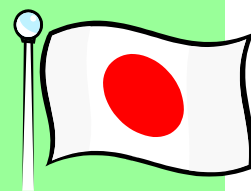
This is simply not true. Evidence gathered during the survey shows that the chipmill still uses a high proportion of enormous logs, but they are now split before trucking, not at the mill.

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	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3 (until 11am)
total number of trucks	164	161	70
containing mature tree trunks	118	108	55
thinnings	31	36	7
woodchips	15	17	8
butts and branches	0	0	0

## New Japan campaign

Chipstop is undertaking a new letter writing campaign by supporters in Japan. This letter asks Eden chipmill owners, Nippon Paper Industries to stop buying woodchips from native forest and to only recognise certification schemes which are reputable. Nippon Paper has a policy to use 100% woodchips sourced from plantations or certified forests by the year 2008. Print out your copy from our website [www.chipstop.forests.org.au](http://www.chipstop.forests.org.au) and send to Nippon Paper.



此の度私は貴社の環境方針について、そしてその方針がオーストラリアの森林を救うのに如何に役立つのかについて述べたいと思い、この手紙を差し上げました。

私達は、貴社が2008年迄にウッドチップの供給源を公認された森林もしくは植林地にする予定であるという声明を歓迎致します。この方針が十分に適用されるなら、貴社は世界の森林保全において主要な役割を担うという榮譽を受けることになるでしょう。

オーストラリアの森林は貴社の方針によって大きな利益を受けられます。現在貴社はウッドチップを、貴社が大株主であるイーデン・ウッドチップ製造会社から購入しています。同時に

貴社はタスマニアの天然林からもウッドチップを得ています。

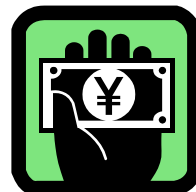
貴社のウッドチップ需要の大半を満たすことができる植林地を、貴社はオーストラリアに保有しています。これらはビクトリア州の日本製紙ツリーファーム有限公司と西オーストラリア州のWA プランテーション・リソーシズ有限公司です。

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天然林に適用可能な認証制度も、科学者が

素晴らしいと認めた認証制度もオーストラリアにはありません。

このような事情により、私達は貴社にその環境対策を適用して頂きたいのです。具体的にはイーデン・ウッドチップ製造会社を、ウッドチップの原料として植林地のみを用いるポートランドに移して戴きたいのです。



# New Xmas National Parks come at a High Price

**In** a pre-Xmas decision, the NSW Government announced that over 7,000ha of forest will be added to National Parks, Nature Reserves and State Conservation Areas in South East NSW.

While this is good for those forests, they have been saved at a high price.

Exactly what that price is remains unclear, but it will include the intensification of logging in the remaining unprotected forest in the Southern Region.

The bottom line for the Government in the process that led to the reserve decision was that it should be "resource neutral."

This is bureaucratic code for saying that the same amount of woodchips will have to be produced by a smaller area of forest.

Southern Region (Ulladulla to Cobargo) can now look forward to logging more like the devastating Eden-style clearfelling.



The new protected areas are:

1. Upper Deua. 3,000ha of Dampier State Forest.
2. Monga. Approx 3,000ha of Monga State Forest.
3. South Brooman - 293ha addition to Murrumbidgee National Park, which includes the 500 y.o. tree 'Old Blotchy'. This completes the final piece in a bizarre pro

posal to protect all State forests from Ulladulla to Batemans Bay *east of the highway*.

South Brooman, *west of the highway* will continue to be the most northerly point from which forests are logged for woodchips.

**Do science, ecosystems, and ethics stop at the Princes Highway? Is this what passes for vision these days?**

## Eden Vote

### Did Labor's forest policy cost it votes?

For those still unsure of whether the pro-forest views of the Eden-Monaro Labor candidate in the 2004 election were responsible for a 3% swing against Labor at Eden, there may be another cause.

An *Australian Financial Review* 2004 ranking of coastal real estate price rises showed that Eden real estate was number nine in the national list of price increases. This suggests that the Liberals' scare campaign on interest rates may have had something to do with it, especially since there were other logging booths which had smaller swings or even swings to Labor.



### **Chipstopper now on the web**

Your Chipstopper is now available on the internet via the Chipstop website at:

**<http://www.chipstop.forests.org.au/whatsnew.html>**

Download it as a PDF file. To read PDF files your computer must have Acrobat Reader, which you can download from the internet free.

## **"Sustainable" Woodchipping**

South East Fibre Exports Forests Manager, Peter Mitchell told SE ABC radio on 8 December that 25,000 to 30,000 tonnes of "lower quality" woodchips from private property would be sold to a Chinese buyer in each of the next three years. Fortunately for SEFE, the Chinese are not as fussy about quality as the Japanese are.

Mitchell was coy about the price, however, saying merely that "it will never be as good as the Japanese pay."

He was very up front about one thing though. "[This logging] is sustainable," he said. It is "a continuous process," "totally sustainable, in our opinion."

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This is a con intended to fool the public and save the chipmill money.

A highlight of the vigil was a bijou appearance by Santa Claus who was horrified by the extent of the destruction of native forests in the South East.