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Dear Sir,

The issue of climate change and what we can do as a nation to slow the process and mitigate its effects are of great concern to me.

Forestry is a contentious issue on the South Coast of NSW, as large areas of native hardwood forest are cleared every day to feed the pulp mill at Eden.

It has been estimated that logging of native forests accounts for 20% of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions, so it would seem obvious that this should be stopped.

Native hardwood forest logging should be ended immediately, and replaced with plantation timber, with more supplies grown on already cleared land (i.e. forested land should not be cleared to plant plantation timber, but already degraded land should be used).

Responsibility for this should rest with the logging, chipping and pulp mill companies.

Not only could plantation growing provide a carbon sink, but cessation of native hardwood forestry would protect our waterways, and our wildlife. Greater consideration should be given to the need to protect forested areas as refuges for wildlife threatened by climate change.

Yours sincerely

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