



Re exhibition period for the Restart of Redbank Power Station SSD-56284960 EXH-68068469.

To who it may concern,

It needs to be seriously considered that it takes a long for our trees and forests to grow, yet we can burn them in a wink of an eye. Imagine restarting a proposal like this in 2024 when we are already besieged by familiar climate patterns breaking down and causing havoc, costs, loss of life and property. Financial costs to community will continue to blow out due to damage to infrastructure and increasing insurance premiums.

The impact that logging has on forest species contributing to their extinction is unacceptable in 2024. Biomass from native forest timber has no social license in NSW, and never will.

That is profoundly clear and obvious and a community campaign against this proposal will be vocal and sustained. This is unnecessary that we have to go through this again and irresponsible of the agencies and industry involved to bring this back to the table at a time of Climate emergency

Beyond financial gain. Is that all this is?

Millions of trees that would otherwise be left to grow in the forest will be cut and burnt. That this can be proposed as a 'renewable green' energy, tarnishes the genuine renewable energy sector."

How is the burning of native forests carbon neutral at this time of humanity's time on this fragile and precious and limited earth.

The reality is this powerplant will pump millions of tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere each year and it will take decades or centuries for new trees to grow big enough to reabsorb it.

If the trees were left standing, they would sequester ever increasing volumes of atmospheric carbon as they age, buying us time as we transition to genuine renewable energy from solar and wind. Our forests and by products of waste are worth more either standing or untouched.

In the interests of planetary health and survival, Redbank power station must not be allowed to burn wood. Burning wood to make electricity is not an intelligent idea. The science is clear on that.

It's already been rejected by the community and this proposal wastes valuable time and taxpayer resources critically needed to solve, not exacerbate, emission damage.

We strongly recommend that this proposal does not go forward. As a matter of level headed planning and responsibility to future generations that bear the burden of burning native timber for Biomass. A preposterous idea which lacks imagination in a carbon constrained world.

Yours,

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