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Mr Yoshio Haga,
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Dear Mr Haga

The Australian Forests and Climate Alliance represents 28 environment and climate groups across the country. We are writing to you to ask that you cease using native forest woodchips and close the Eden chipmill. Demonstrating your commitment to environmental responsibility in this way would establish Nippon Paper's reputation as a good corporate citizen in Australia.

The Australian Forests and Climate Alliance is campaigning to end all native forest logging in Australia. It is time that our forests were set aside as some of the world's best and cheapest carbon stores, as homes to wildlife and as water stores.

In the forests of south eastern Australia many thousands of hectares of Australia's magnificent native forests have been degraded, damaged or destroyed by logging for woodchips. Logging native forests for woodchips is one of the biggest causes of habitat loss and contributes significantly to the extinction of plant and animal species.

The logging industry is now stepping up attempts to use native forest wood for energy production. It is regrettable that your company has already started to do this in other parts of the world. Such a move in Australia would increase the destruction of our native forests, which even now are being logged unsustainably. Any such moves would be totally rejected by the entire environmental movement. At this time when the implications of climate change are now accepted, AFCA is calling on Australian governments and large corporations to recognize their responsibility both to the environment and future generations of Australians, and completely reject such moves.

At this time, many companies, including Japanese paper makers, are demanding that their woodchips are sustainably sourced, and are not produced from damaging or destroying native forests. Plantation wood has the advantage of being a more reputable source of woodchips with greater acceptability in the market place. Nippon Paper has not yet joined this push by many other companies towards 100% sustainably sourced woodchips, but we ask that it do so.

The closure by Nippon Paper of the Eden Chipmill would mean an end to the decades of bitter and divisive conflict over the survival of the important and irreplaceable native forests of south eastern Australia and greatly improve the reputation of the Nippon Paper Group.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lorraine Bower', written in a cursive style.

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