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Dear Mr Miyoshi

## NIPPON PAPER ENVIRONMENT POLICY CAN HELP TO SAVE AUSTRALIAN FORESTS

I am writing to you about your company's environmental policy and how it might be applied to help save Australia's forests.

The announcement by Nippon Paper in August 2003 year that the company would source 100% of its woodchips from certified or plantation forests by the year 2008 was most welcome. Your company can be proud of its leading role in protecting the world's forests if this policy is well applied.

Australia's forests can benefit from this policy. At present Nippon Paper buys woodchips from the Eden chipmill, in which it is the majority shareholder. It also buys woodchips from native forests in Tasmania.

It also has plantations in Australia which can supply much of your company's requirements for woodchips. These plantations are the Nippon Paper Treefarm Pty Ltd in Victoria and WA Plantation Resources in Western Australia.

The Eden chipmill produces only native forest woodchips and none of the forests which supply it are certified.

There are no certification schemes in Australia which are applicable to native forests and which are regarded by scientists as reputable.

In these circumstances, we are asking your company apply its environmental policy by relocating the Eden chipmill to Portland where it can use only plantation timber.

There are very few plantations in the Eden area and there is no possibility that this mill will be able to supply plantation chips by 2008 or chips from forests which have undergone a reputable certification scheme.

Moving the Eden chipmill to Portland would be welcomed by the Australian public.

The forests of Eden have suffered from too much logging and many animals which depend on the forests are at risk. One of these is the koala, which is now very rare in the Eden region.

Moving the chipmill to Portland could help to save the koala.

My letter is intended to assist your company apply its environmental policy in a way which will ensure it leads the way for the Japanese paper industry and protects the forests of Australia.

I look forward to receiving your reply.  
Yours sincerely