

## **Community Liaison**

Stop Logging Native Forests 100% Softwood Plantations Citizens Science https://www.breachwatch.org.au/

submissions@ipcn.nsw.gov.au

18 August 2025

Submission opposing burning biofuel re re-open the Redbank Power Station

We Support the Zero SE submission as we are a member group.

## In addition we add:

The project, painted as 'ecologically sustainable' and 'near net-zero', would be a biodiversity disaster and actually *increase* carbon emissions. Many leading scientists, environmental groups and community leaders <u>voiced</u> <u>serious concerns at today's public hearing</u> (fwd video to get to meeting start).

The project's approval would directly contradict policy commitments made by the NSW and Federal Governments.

NSW is already considered a 'deforestation hotspot'. New figures show that rates of tree clearing skyrocketed to 66,498 hectares in 2023, a 40% increase from the year before. We do not need another driver of forest clearing, habitat loss and greenhouse gas emissions.

## **Background:**

"Verdant Earth Technologies is proposing to re-open the Redbank Power Station (near Singleton NSW) to burn up to 850,000 tonnes of biomass - most of which would, in the first few years, come from native tree clearing in the west of NSW".

"So far, the Government's weak assessment process has failed. After opposing Verdant's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) back in 2024, we have one final chance to put a stop to this climate and biodiversity disaster.

## Cheers

Joslyn van der Moolen - 0439 472 921 Community Liaison

**Proud Member** Nature Conservation Council NSW Wilderness Australia National Parks Association #BiomassDelusion statement signatory The Forest Pledge signatory

Forests: Worth More Standing Fact Sheet Saving Forests is Climate Action Signs

 $\sim$  Stop Logging Native Forests - Plantations on Marginal Ag Land Equals Jobs and Wood Supply  $\sim$