

Letter to the Editor

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Forestry Practices

Michael Wood, assistant general Manager Forestry Tasmania claims that forestry and logging is the only industry sector that removes more carbon from the air than it emits. (Examiner letters 15/8/08).

I feel someone did not do their research too well to come up with such a claim.

As a result of a recent Freedom of Information request it is acknowledged Forestry Tasmania do not even, a) record the amount of wood burnt, or b) record the amount of smoke released from any of their burning activities.

You can read this at www.cleanairtas.com and also follow the link to check out the number of deliberately lit forestry related fires and hectares burnt. The private forest burns are additional.

Of course it would be better to 'keep the carbon in the wood' instead of burning and making smoke, so why don't they?

The forest industry needs to play its part in a national response to climate change, and it needs to do it swiftly. Ninety years is a bit long to wait don't you think?

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