

AYCC: Our response:

Reducing carbon emissions at a business and national level is something we all need to be active in. We know that the most cost-effective way to do this is to undertake energy efficiency measures (which will reduce energy demand by up to 50%) and invest in solar and wind energy, which can power Australia with 100% renewable energy.

There is nothing stopping any small timber business in burning excess wood to reduce their heating or other energy demands. It does not make economic sense, however, to provide monetary incentives to do this, while simultaneously reducing incentives to transition to real renewable energy sources - solar and wind - which would allow thousands of small business owners to reduce their carbon emissions.

As we've said before - the RET should be used for energy solutions that will contribute to our large-scale future renewable energy needs - like wind and solar.

Lastly, today's letter stated:

"The Australian Youth Climate Coalition, and others, have been widely circulating emails suggesting this disallowance will lead to an increase in native forests being burnt, will lead to more woodchips being made, and generally arguing that this will lead to more forest destruction in Australia. In response, please read the above eight reasons why such statements are all factually incorrect."

We feel that based on our responses to Mr Oakeshott's 8 points above, it is clear that AYCC members are right to be concerned that this motion will lead to a bad outcome for the climate and for our native forests. We believe none of the eight reasons presented by Mr Oakeshott provide evidence to the contrary.

Over 100 members of the AYCC chipped in today to buy an ad in the Port Macquarie News, encouraging him to withdraw his motion. These donations ranged from \$2 to \$50, and this shows how committed young Australians are to seeing good outcomes for the climate and our future.

We still strongly believe that Mr Oakeshott wants to do the right thing by the climate, and do the right thing by young and future generations. We know he's a man of integrity and principle - and we applaud him for his advocacy on strong action on climate change.

We encourage him to withdraw his motion.

Yours sincerely,

The Australian Youth Climate Coalition.

The AYCC is building a generation-wide movement to solve the climate crisis www.aycc.org.au

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