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**INQUIRY INTO CLIMATE CHANGE (NET ZERO  
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Further to my submission of yesterday, the Net Zero Commission needs to assess what I believe to be bogus claims made by the biomass industry. For example, yesterday I read that a proposed power plant in Singleton, Redbank, proposed to burn 850,000 tonnes of biomass mainly from land clearing and it claiming it is zero emissions! Because trees will take up the CO<sub>2</sub>. Well not on the land cleared sites it won't, and not on any useful timescale in 'purpose grown crops', which is a euphemism for plantations that were meant to produce timber but are now being cleared for agriculture. At least this is what is happening in the Northern Rivers where the big MIS plantations have been cleared and sent to the Broadwater and Condong biomass plants to be burnt to generate 'green energy'. Research from Chatham House and leading experts shows burning wood actually produces more CO<sub>2</sub> than burning coal for the equivalent energy produced, as well as removing the best technology we have for sequestering carbon-trees.