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MEDIA RELEASE

**EDEN PORT CLOSED TO BUSINESS WHILE LOCAL GREENS ASSIST IN EDROM ROAD
BLOCKADE**

“In the early hours of the 17 January 2011, as the Queensland flood recovery continues, local greens councillor Keith Hughes and greens candidate for forthcoming state election Harriett Swift added to the woes of Queensland flood victims” said Trevor Brown, a spokesman for Timber Communities Australia (TCA).

He went on to say “to add insult to injury, as the Eden community seeks to put more business through the port of Eden, these people along with a rabble of other local and imported anti-community activists send a strong message that Eden is not a reliable freight port.”

Mr Brown was referring to a ship diverted from the port of Gladstone in Queensland which is currently moored at the general purpose wharf in Eden and unable to unload cargo as a lone protestor on a tripod has closed Edrom Road. The protestor is being supported by about 20 others. Meanwhile, the 8 semi-trailers hired to deliver the freight to Queensland remain idle as the protestors refuse access to heavy vehicles on Edrom Road and the general purpose wharf.

A frustrated Mr Brown went on to say “Plantation pine deliveries to the log export facility have been stopped effectively shutting down Pentarch’s facility. When a protestor was asked why pine trucks carrying plantation wood were not being let through, the response was, well you should not have built next to the chip mill.”

A short time later, a holiday maker injured in a jet ski accident had to negotiate with the activists to be able to pass through the blockade to get medical attention.

“Dragging Search and Rescue Police from Wollongong down to Eden while they are needed for the flood emergencies throughout Eastern Australia is terrible misuse of skilled resources and demonstrates how irresponsible and out of touch with the public sentiment these anti-community demonstrators are” Mr Brown said.

“If this is green politics in action, everyone had better think twice about who they want to represent south east NSW in the forthcoming state election” he added.



Pentarch employees make their feelings known to protestors after losing a day’s work

“Jimbo”, a driver from Eastern Log Haulage of Cann River displays his safety message



No harness, no brains? In a vote of confidence for regrowth hardwood a lone protestor precariously blocks traffic on Edrom Road.

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