

rights or wrongs of indigenous logging this two-page lurid spread cannot, by any professional standards, be judged factual. Many of the statements are no more than wild guesstimates without any justification or reference to source data.

What hope is there for public support of indigenous forest management when the Institute promotes such selective anti-logging comment. It should be realised that without woodchipping of forest and sawmill residues, beech management is uneconomic. I wonder too if all your readers realise that the paper on which this journal is printed is

by content at least 50% hardwood fibre, i.e. such as beech. We should be actively seeking ways to increase our contribution to the global requirement of hardwood fibre at least to the level of our own domestic consumption. Or does conservation, NZ style, mean using up the scarce resources of other countries whilst smugly sitting on our own?

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things that other publications are printing about the forestry sector. Our editorial policy includes the intention to "present information of interest and practical use to readers". As the person who ferrets out the material for this section, I use my own judgement on what that might include. Perhaps I have cast the net too wide (I agree that the article Laurie takes exception to was unsupported by source data) but just because we mention an article doesn't mean that we are promoting the material in it, nor that it is "recommended reading".

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