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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **HEAVY VEHICLE MOVEMENTS**

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200,000 tonnes of harvested trees will be transported by road from State forests within the South Coast Region to the proposed charcoal factory near Batemans Bay.

Up to 35,000 tonnes of charcoal will be transported by road/rail via the Princes Highway north of Batemans Bay, to the proposed silicon smelter at Lithgow.

86 semi-trailers will enter or leave the South Coast charcoal plant each day, most of these trucks will travel through Mogo. Each year of the 40 year life of the factory, trucks will move 200,000 tonnes of timber, 35,000 tonnes of charcoal, 31,000 tonnes of wood chips, 20,000 tonnes of sawdust, and unspecified volumes of wastes and supplies. The thousands of extra truck movements, totalling thousands of kilometres each year represent a considerable volume of exhaust emissions including Greenhouse gases. No information has been provided on vehicle emissions.

No information has been provided on the drain on the public purse for the additional maintenance of the forest and public roads.

General traffic, delivery vehicles and caravans will be impacted by the increase in heavy vehicles on already dangerous highways. This could potentially add to the road toll.

The Charcoalition supports a successful economy founded on ecologically sustainable development of the region. The impact caused by the additional heavy vehicle movements will damage the region's tourism economy and Nature Coast image.