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**MEDIA ALERT: Biomass industry contributes to both the cost of living and climate crisis. Cut Carbon Not Forests comments**

Experts agree that the twin challenges of environmental degradation and the soaring cost of living impacting the UK public can be tackled through broader adoption of renewables.

Unlike other global markets, our energy system means that we are particularly exposed rising fossil fuel prices, and this is driving debate on future investment in clean energy. However, while the UK Government is “committed” to levelling up the nation, achieving net zero and protecting biodiversity, its actions towards these goals deserve scrutiny. With its continued support of the highly damaging biomass industry and subsidies paid out to Drax Power Station, the Government’s ostensive aims do not stand up.

Katy Brown, a campaigner with [Cut Carbon Not Forests](#), comments below:

*"It's about time the situation of bill payers subsidising tree burning in the name of 'renewable energy' was brought to an end. This money should instead be re-directed towards genuinely renewable sources such as wind and solar. That many customers are now struggling to pay their bills while we are in both a climate and energy crisis makes it particularly galling that the surcharge on our energy bills is supporting Drax, the UK's single biggest carbon emitter. Investing in wind and solar will bring down the cost of electricity and reduce our dependence on importing coal, gas, oil, or wood pellets from overseas. Burning coal, oil, gas or trees will only make the climate crisis worse, and has no place in a sustainable future."*