

# Protest against biofuels fuelling climate meltdown

**Where:** DECC – Department of Energy & Climate Change, 3 Whitehall Place, SW1A 2AW. Nearest tube stations, Embankment & Charing Cross.

**When:** Saturday 22nd October, 12.00 noon

**Who** is the protest for? – for anyone concerned about environment and social justice.

**Why:** The protest coincides with a DECC public consultation on Renewable Obligation Certificates – ROCs, which are subsidies for 'renewable electricity'. Yet instead of rewarding only true renewable energy, such as sustainable wind and solar power, a growing share of ROCs goes to biomass (wood) and biofuel power stations. Those are paid for by all of us, through a surcharge on our fuel bills. At a time when health, education, social welfare and environmental programmes are being cut drastically, the government is planning to reward biomass and biofuel power stations with £3 billion a year!



Biomass and biofuel production causes deforestation and adversely



affects the climate, food sovereignty and human rights. Nearly all of the biomass and biofuels burned in UK power stations will be imported from countries including Indonesia, Brazil, Ghana or Kenya. Burning biomass and biofuel causes air pollution causing health problems

for those who live nearby. This protest will show DECC that people don't want to subsidise bioenergy.



A biomass power station in Middlesbrough

Corporations like Drax, one of Europe's biggest climate change contributors, are lobbying DECC to increase their profits from burning the biosphere. If UK citizens who pay for ROCs tell DECC **yes** to true renewable power from wind, wave, tidal, solar & geothermal and **no** to bioenergy we can stop this destructive industry overnight.

Let's cut-back on bioenergy instead of cutting libraries or rainforests.

Let's have people power instead of plant power!

**Bring a friend, your banners and placards to the Department of Environment & Climate Change on the 22nd.**

**Tell your MP to speak out against ROCs for bioenergy, too – email Biofuelwatch for more details.**

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