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SUBMISSION RE TRIABUNNA WOODCHIP MILL  

My name is Chris Roberts, I am a resident and ratepayer living at 5 Ryan Place, Triabunna  
I operate a small home based business called East Coast Canvas from the above address  
I am 69 years old.

Like many others I was appalled to read of the systematic and illegal destruction of the mill and was witness to part of it.

on the afternoon 10/05/2014 I was anchored inside the woodchip wharf about 50 metres from the loading gantry where I was cleaning some fish.  
I heard the sound of machinery and work being carried out  
I did not see any people in the vicinity  
I did not see any warning signage on the wharf or anywhere else.  
Without warning, the conveyor belt was cut loose and ran over the rollers to drop onto the wharf decking.  
The belt which would have weighed many tons free fell about 100 feet  
The noise was deafening and was accompanied by a huge cloud of dust.
I did not wait about but moved out of the area as quickly as possible.

To me this illustrates the inexorable manner that the owners have gone about dismantling the mill as this happened some time after the events so graphically described in "the monthly"

It also shows a total disregard for OHS regulations as the wharf is often used by amateur fisherman {probably trespassing}

I have also been told by those who worked at the mill that there is a lot of asbestos at the mill site

yours faithfully
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