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To the Natural Resource Commission:

This letter is in support for Gunnedah and Baradine Timbers.

I myself have been involved with Gunnedah and Baradine timbers for over 15 years transporting sawn timber from both mills to various destinations across Australia including Sydney, Newcastle, Melbourne and Brisbane.

I am also born and bred in Baradine and started my working career on the saw mill as most of us did back in the 80s. If not for the saw mill at Baradine the little town would have no major employer anymore and all the workers no prospect of securing employment locally .

With the viability of both saw mills at the moment being a day to day proposition while waiting for the outcome of negotiations regarding access to better pine logs from various forests around Gunnedah and Baradine it is starting to seem very uncertain what the future holds for both saw mills and countless numbers of their employees and associated workers.

If Parry Logistics did not have the sawn timber to transport to various locations it would impact heavily on our services to and from Gunnedah.

Parry Logistics recently opened a depot in Gunnedah to help service the local people with there freight needs as we are coming into town to transport the sawn timber from Gunnedah timbers .

If the Timber Mills were to close Parry Logistics would have to close its Gunnedah operation and put off up to 8 staff. This would also affect the Gunnedah district as we have built up a strong relationship with a lot of local business that we supply freight too ex Sydney and other centers. Without the timber leaving Gunnedah to these destinations we have no way of getting to these places in a viable manner so we can bring the freight back into Gunnedah for the locals.

I strongly urge the Natural Resource Commission to make the right decision regarding the Timber Mills in Gunnedah and Baradine so we can secure the future for the workers and there family's for many years to come .

Regards

Stuart Hatton

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart Hatton", is written over the typed name.

Gunnedah Depot Manager

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