

St John's School



The Brigalow and Nandewar Natural
Resources Commission,
GPO Box 4206,
Sydney, NSW 2001

8th August 2014

Dear Sir

Re: Cypress forest management in the Brigalow and Nandewar State Conservation Areas

The staff members of St Johns School Baradine would like to commend the Natural Resources Commission on their report and their suggested changes to the management of Cypress Pine forests in the region.

As nearly all the staff members at St Johns are from land owning families they have a good understanding of the effect invasive native species can have on the environment.

The management changes mentioned in the report are long overdue and are very similar to what was proposed by the community (BRUS) option during the Brigalow assessment.

We are also pleased to see the suggested management changes and the utilisation of the thinned material will create local job opportunities.

This is of particular importance as the Brigalow assessment didn't appear to consider job creation and community economics a priority. Consequently about 20% of Baradine's jobs base was lost a figure that has probably increased since then as Forests NSW and NPWS have reduced staff.

We hope this more intelligent science based approach will succeed.

Yours sincerely

Annette Cooney, Principal