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The Natural Resource Commission
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I understand that a review is being undertaken by the NSW State Government with regard to milling of Cypress Timber in the South Western Cypress Region.

I understand that Grants Holding Co Pty Ltd (Grants) have a long term agreement with the NSW State Government for long term supply of timber.

I have been dealing with sawmilling companies for over 20 years. My business purchases sawmill residue from Grants which is used as landscaping products in the landscaping industry. These products are all natural and environmentally friendly.

If the State Government was to stop or decrease the timber supply made to Grants it would affect my business and the businesses that we supply product to. This inturn will affect our direct and indirect employees.

The Brigalow assessment in 2005 done by the State Government closed up some 350,000 hectares of state forest and a number of mills reliant on this resource exited the Industry. At this time we were purchasing products from a number of timber companies in this area. As a result of the outcome in the Brigalow assessment our business was affected. If the state government continues to lock up forests then I believe that the timber industry and the townships will be greatly affected.

We support Grants and their submission to the Natural Resource Commission. We ask the Commission to consider our position and the position of many businesses and individuals who will be affected directly and indirectly if the South Western Cypress Region was to be closed to the timber industry and or if the log supply was to be reduced.

It is important that the State Government follow thru with its agreement it has made with Grants and supports them as they have built there business and others have too based on the good faith of the Government.

Yours sincerely
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