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Submission to The Regional Forest Assessment for the
South Western Cypress State Forests

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To Whom It May Concern

Frencham Cypress has been purchasing and developing innovative Cypress Products from Grants Sawmilling for the past 25 years.

We have been steadily expanding our EXCLUSIVELY Cypress business over the past several years, given that our supplier had secured a 20 year Wood Supply Agreement with the NSW Government.

Our customers recognize CYPRESS' unique qualities of natural durability, termite resistance, and versatility. With a society becoming more aware and increasingly concerned with sustainability and the environment, the Cypress industry of NSW can assure the market that harvested material conforms to Australian Forestry Standard, AS4708, certifying sustainable and environmentally, best practice in Forest Management.

Whilst our business will be adversely affected, the districts surrounding the townships of Narrandera and Condobolin will be greatly impacted if the current tenure of the Cypress Industry is changed. The Cypress Industry, which is largely 'drought resistant' has provided support through employment and financial investment, to rural communities that have endured years of drought.

We strongly support the current tenure and management of the Cypress Forests of South West NSW. Any decrease in volume and log quality would not allow our business to continue, which services a diverse clientele, throughout Victoria.

Gary Frencham.