

SUBMISSION TO NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION FOREST'S ASSESSMENT

Sir or Madam

We have been associated with the cypress industry for 22 years as Timber Harvesters and suppliers of service and equipment to a large number of logging contractors.

It is very obvious after working with this small and efficient industry of its involvement and influence in the welfare of the towns and surroundings as well as the conservation of the cypress industry.

It is also quite obvious that the people involved in the industry are more conscious of the need to conserve this vital industry, not only for the obvious benefits listed above, but also for the cultural need to retain the use of cypress in our building industry. This in turn will guarantee a sustainable approach to planning the future of the cypress industry.

It is a pity that the so called bureaucrats of forest management and government departments do not have the same attitude to the conservation and reestablishment of the cypress forests unless there is political gain.

The cypress industry must remain in its present form to ensure the skills, knowledge, support to industry, towns and environs are not lost, once again the livelihood of the rural people of New South Wales will be affected.

We trust your assessment will look at the interests of the cypress forests and the rural communities as a whole and not be influenced by the interests of individual groups or radicals.

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