

# *Hayllar Transport (Narrandera) Pty Ltd*

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To Natural Resources Commission,

I am writing with regard to the South Western Cypress Forests Assessment and how we anticipate the impact it may have on the operation of our business in Narrandera and on the town as a whole.

We have been closely associated with Grants Sawmilling for approximately 30 years distributing the finished cypress products to destinations over the whole of Australia, displaying how highly regarded and sought after their product is. They are by far the most professional cypress sawmilling operation we have encountered anywhere whilst conducting our transport business.

Hayllar Transport (Narrandera) generates an annual gross income of approximately \$1,600,000 through our freight, storage and distribution activities both locally and interstate. Grants Sawmilling Co is currently 30% of our annual outbound freight sales from Narrandera. Our purchasing strategy ensures the majority of this income is reinvested within the Narrandera Business community.

1. \$120,000 annually with our local independent tyre supplier exclusively
2. \$400,000 annually in diesel purchased primarily through our local Coles Express outlet
3. \$350,000 annually in wages to our valued employees

All printing, stationary, hardware, automotive parts, electrical goods, office furniture, grocery items and company uniforms are purchased 100% locally without exception.

As a result of the 20 year guaranteed wood supply agreement with the State Government signed by Grants Sawmilling in 2006 we have with confidence invested heavily in new Prime Movers and Trailer combinations costing up to \$400,000 each to cater for the special requirements of Grants Sawmilling.

If the assessment was to conclude that the resource guarantee was to cease it would have devastating impact on our business which would result in loss of jobs for some of our 7 employees and their families and possibly the inability for us to service the large financial commitments on equipment purchased to service the distribution of Grants Cypress products.

Our region has already been dealt a heavy blow by the drought and subsequent closure of large fruit and vegetable produce farms limiting opportunities to secure freight out of this region to the capital cities to ensure the regional supply of groceries and general items back to the local supermarkets and shops in Narrandera.

We actively support local Schools, Charities and Service Clubs financially as do Grants Sawmilling in no small way, therefore causing more hardship for our small town should this support have to be suddenly withdrawn.

I would ask you consider all these issues affecting our small community when considering the assessment of the cypress forest operations in Narrandera and Condobolin.

Regards

Bernie Hayllar  
Operations Manager