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Subject: Submission to the Regional Forest Assessment for the South-Western Cypress State Forests

To: Cypress Forests Assessments Natural Resources Commission.

Our business has been carting timber from the Grants Sawmill, Narrandera to locations from Wagga to Leeton over the last 21 years.

As recently as September 2009 we purchased a new truck to continue our carrying business and, along with many other businesses associated with Grants, we would be severely impacted by the closure of the mill.

The impact on the local community would be far reaching in a rural town where we have weathered extreme financial pressure during the drought over the past decade. The employees of Grants Sawmill and their families have felt confident that their jobs were secure. This assessment now threatens their homes and livelihood and this issue is of a major concern to all residents of Narrandera, whether they own a small business or not.

Grants Sawmilling is one of the major single private employers in our district and I urge you to consider their contribution to the local community when making your recommendations on the Assessment of the South-Western Cypress State Forests.

Yours sincerely

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