

26 March 2010

Pia Zadnik
Cypress Forest Assessment
Natural Resources Commission
GPO Box 4206
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Pia

Please consider the following comments below in your decision relating to the regional Forest Assessment,

South-Western Cypress State Forest:

Sutherlands transport is a small to medium sized transport Company based in regional New South Wales who have pride in running a very professional and safe operation. We always place a high priority on the impact which we cause to the community and the infrastructure we use every day.

We have developed very close business relationship with Grants Sawmilling for whom we pack their export shipments for markets destined for Japan, China and Asia and to this day three hundred forty foot containers have been packed and shipped. We are also heavily involved in their domestic logistics, supplying finished product to many of their outlets.

On a regional scale, Grants Sawmilling is a large employer in the area, keeping close to 50 people in full time employment with flow on benefits to other service providers. Grants are contributing greatly to the economy of New South Wales and Australia and without companies like this all our businesses will suffer.

I, as a Director of Sutherlands Transport, believe that cypress forests are being managed correctly in its current arrangement and there should be no changes. Businesses and Government bodies must work in partnership to utilize the resources and the infrastructure that is keeping Australian businesses competitive in a global economy.

Like Sutherlands Transport, in a Transport and Logistic role, Grants Sawmilling are also a professional company who treat the Forest and Timber industry in the same manner; it is all in our interests long term to make this happen. Our companies are taking leadership roles by investing in and protecting the future of Australians. We are employing and training workers and supporting the communities around us.

Regards

Chris Sutherland
Director, Sutherlands Transport