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To whom it may concern

I am writing to your organisation with an unqualified point of view on the SWCFA , as a life time member of this country community and business owner i feel obliged to not only comment but to raise some unqualified facts regarding this SWCFA.

My family and i have frequented our local forests on many occasions be it camping ,working ,bird watching, gathering of wood ,boating, fishing etc,as a regular visitor to our forests i have come to my unqualified view that our forests havent changed in their appearance are still regenerating as per normal still have abundance of birds and wildlife [over abundance of kangaroos] and the weekly occurrence of more fallen dead trees is still the norm.

What also must be brought to your attention are the far reaching effects any changes to forest regulations in southern NSW would have on our community our town well being, direct effect on families and the detrimental effect on every small business in our towns.These decisions must not be taken lightly as the repercussions will be very detrimental to our community.

It is in my opinion with the knowledge i have after living in our region that our pine forests are being sustainably logged by our local sawmiller GRANTS SAWMILLING, if these forests were not correctly managed and just locked up and forgotten then ,it would be seen in the future as a forest that would be overgrown non regenerating and a danger too our communities, farmers, and townships with a fire hazard not seen in centuries.

It is in my opinion that the government and its departments should be investing in our future by procuring vacant lands and utilising these lands with sustainable forest plantations to eventually compliment existing forests, with the lack of irrigation we are now faced with it would become a drought resistant investment.

Yours Truly  
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