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Cypress Forest Assessment  
Natural Resources Commission  
GPO Box 4206, Sydney ,NSW ,2001



Dear Sir,

I am aware that NRC is now under taking a review of the use and tenure of the southwest cypress region .

In 2006 our business took the Brigalow Timber Industry Exit package so as to sure up the businesses remaining in the industry timber supply .

However since then we have restructured our business to value adding to Cypress Timber.

We chose our suppliers Grants Sawmilling Co Pty Ltd on the ground we understood they had a twenty year timber agreement with NSW State Government . Which this review could well undermine.

Grants Sawmilling Co Pty Ltd of Condobolin and Narrandera employ approx 50 people and we feel that the flow on effect of any reduction of future supplies of their timber resources would be devastating to there employees and the business in there towns as well as our business that now employs five people in Trundle.

Yours sincerely,

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Director  
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