

Cypress Forests Assessment

Natural Resources Commission

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Re: Submission Southwest Cypress Region

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to share my view as a second year Wood Machinist employed by Grants sawmill.

As a young person in the Narrandera community it was difficult to obtain a trade apprenticeship. Grants employed me to complete a four year apprenticeship as a Wood Machinist and gain valuable trade skills. Without the support of the Sawmill I would have had to leave Narrandera to seek out an apprenticeship, like so many other young people my age. Grants have in previous years employed, trained and qualified Saw Doctors and Wood Machinists, it would be beneficial to the town for Grants Sawmill to stay open and provide these opportunities to other young people who are pursuing trades and wishing to stay in Narrandera. I am currently a second year Wood Machinist with two years left to complete my trade, if i were to lose my job i would have to leave Narrandera to finish my course. Because of the rarity of my trade it would be extremely difficult for me to find a company willing to employ me for the remainder of my apprenticeship.

Grants Sawmill is one of the largest job providers in the town. If it were to close many families would find themselves without an income and would have to leave the town to seek employment outside of Narrandera.

Pease consider my point of view.

Sincerely, Daniel Grant