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K & SL Nelson would like to make a submission to the NRC with regard to the red gum forest assessment.

K & SL Nelson have been in business in Balranald since 1974 in the grain storage, transport and readymix business. In the past 10 years due to the ever present drought things have not been easy for the business or the township of Balranald. It has been a constant struggle to keep our permanent staff of 11 and 3 casual employees in work. Luckily in the last 3 years we have had the opportunity to cart firewood to Melbourne and sleepers to various V/Line destinations which has lessened the impact of the drought on our business. Without this work and with another year of very little grain in our area I feel that we would have to start shedding jobs and downsizing our operation and with this would come a lesser quality of service to the township which is already struggling with cuts to teaching staff and other Government offices.

The more industry that is taken out of country areas also has a flow on effect on unemployment in the city as young adults move looking for work, often taking small families with them. K & SL Nelson hope that you would look on our submission favorably as small country towns do indeed get a raw deal from city based government.

Thank you.