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To whom it may concern,

My name is Wes Clifford, and I've worked in the red rum industry for 10 years as a wood splitter.

I am curranty a splitter operator in Barham NSW at Gelletly red gum firewood.

I like my job and enjoy the work in the forest and take pride in the way we look after it and how it is being harvested sustainably.

The local red gum industry is vital to our local economy and the community, especially as it provides employment for many of us.

If the industry was to close down, most of us would need to move away to find alternate work which would have devastating impacts on us, our families and the community.

I hope you will consider the impacts, any closure of the industry will have to the many small communities that it supports.

Regards

Wes Clifford