

# Public submission

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My name is Barry Hutchesson, and my business operates around [REDACTED], NSW. I have worked in the timber industry in this area for 33 years. I have worked in both private native forestry and state forests, predominately doing silviculture thinning and single tree selection harvesting for saw logs and firewood. These forest management practices maintain forest health, enhance fire protection, manage weeds and increase overall biodiversity and economic value to private and state forests. Our twin border towns rely heavily on this industry and farming to sustain our vibrant and growing community. Many businesses within the town service the timber industry. Engineering and manufacturing, hydraulic repairs, tyre service, small engine merchants, transport and fuel are just some of the businesses that would be impacted without the ability to make use of this renewable resource. During my time in this industry, I have never been more confident and proud of our forest management practices. NSW private native forestry rules and allowances help farmers manage native vegetation with confidence with the rules in place at this current time. Changes to the timber industry will have compounding effects on small rural communities. My wife works in teaching, and others working within the timber industry have partners in healthcare, and other important community services. Changes to the timber industry will negatively impact the ability to employ people to these important sectors. I love the bush, there is no practical reason we shouldn't be able to use this renewable resource.