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My name is Garry Durrant, my age is 58.

I've worked in the red gum timber industry for the last 20 years on and off, with the last 9 years working full time as a bell operator, the last 7 years working for Gelletly Red Gum Firewood in Barham NSW. But I am not the only one employed, the whole town and community and visitors to the area are rewarded in one way or another with what we do in the forest. What I mean is the town has ongoing employment, small businesses rely on the timber industry to keep small towns alive and going forward.

The whole community relies on the industry for their safety from fires, floods with our labour and machines.

Visitors can come to our area and enjoy their holidays because of the work we do in track maintenance and fuel for fires reduction.

In closing I would like to say that we do matter!

Thank you

Garry