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My name is [REDACTED] and I work for a sawmill in the Redgum Timber Industry.

Our business is part of the wider red gum timber industry that employs 120 to 130 full time employees between Barham/Koondrook and through to Balranald and beyond.

Barham / Koondrook has a combined population of approximately 2200 people and the redgum timber industry is a vital part of the community, supporting businesses, sporting clubs, schools and community groups. the redgum industry is a major employer within this area.

I am putting forward this submission because I am concerned that the Panel may not be aware of possible impacts to the local redgum timber industry that may result as a flow on from any decisions / recommendations that may eventuate following the Future of the Forest Industry in NSW review.

Apart from the social and economic impacts that would result from a negative outcome for the redgum timber industry, I believe that the local redgum forests would become over populated with small trees and over grown with evasive weed species. If this were to happen, the local forests would become a significant fire threat to the local population, native animals and other native vegetation.

The red gum industry is extremely important to our local economy, surrounding businesses, the community and maintaining healthy, sustainably managed red gum forests for all to enjoy.