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The Future of the Forest Industry in NSW.
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Submitted by: 

I currently work for a sawmill in the Redgum Timber Industry.

The sawmill forms part of the wider red gum timber industry located between Barham/Koondrook and through to Balranald and beyond. The redgum industry currently employs between 120 to 130 full time employees.

The local red gum forests attract a wide range of tourist activities that in turn supports our community.

I am putting forward this submission because I want the Panel to understand possible impacts to the local redgum timber industry that may result as a flow on from any decisions / recommendations that may eventuate following the review on Future of the Forest Industry in NSW .

Barham / Koondrook has a combined population of approximately 2200 people and the redgum timber industry plays an important role in supporting businesses, sporting clubs, schools and community groups. The industry is also a major employer within this area.

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, visitors and the community in general and maintaining healthy, sustainably managed red gum forests would benefit all.

