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To whom it may concern,

My name is Roger Thomson, for the last 12 years I have been an employee of Gelletly redgum firewood in Braham NSW, and prior to that was self employed as a commercial firewood cutter for 23 years.

The impact of the red gum logging industry in the area is huge, with well over 130 jobs created by it. Any reduction or removal of timber industry practices from the forest will have devastating effects on the local community and run the risk of creating terrible fire dangers in the forest and surrounding areas.

With water buy back and environmental flow legislation the economy in the community have been hard hit with the far death of the rice growing industry, the citrus industry and dairy industry, it is my opinion a stop in the timber industry would most certainly cause the death of our local community.

The flow on effect of job losses carries on to the property prices, sport activities, school and hospital services, and commercial decline which may multiply to as many as 10 times those potential job loss.

Roger Thomson