

## NSW Parliamentary committee - Portfolio Committee 4 Visit

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Current headwinds for HPP and Oberon Industry:

- Covid.
- Escalating freight and energy costs.
- Chronic labour shortages.
- Fibre shortages local area supply declined by greater than 30% in the past 15 years.
- Escalated log cost due to long freight distances as a result of reduce local area supply.

We need:

- FCNSW to get serious about expanding plantations to support NSW future needs.
- We are investing capital on this site but need contractual, resource, government policy certainty.
- Improved logistics to keep the Oberon Timber hub on a development path.
- CWFH priorities/initiatives such as the rail link to take pressure off crumbling road network.
- Impacts of fires has put more pressure on unburnt forests and that's not sustainable, better fire fuel reduction and protection strategies.
- Stop log exporting (currently still exporting out of the Walcha area).
- Relaxation of water rule in Central West and NSW to support the \$89m Federal Plantation Investment Grants.

**Our industry is 'Regionally' focused supporting regional communities and employment as well as Australia's growing population.**