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Dear Committee

In evidence presented on 24 May 2022 to the inquiry into the long term sustainability and future of the timber and forest products industry, I made an error in a figure presented and wish to correct the record.

The transcript on page 11 states:

DEAN ANDERSON: ... We have been trialling a first-thinning approach, where we can take a machine through the stand and spray. And because the trees are tall, it's not getting onto the needles of the tree, so we're able to knock the blackberry back a fair bit. We've budgeted for 50,000 hectares per annum for that.

I have since confirmed that we are currently budgeting for 500 hectares and looking to lift it to 1,500 hectares per annum. Next financial years budget has \$210,000 for this activity. I apologise for this error and trust that the record can be corrected.

Regards,

Dean Anderson
Regional Manager, Snowy