

## **INQUIRY INTO MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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The Director,  
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5,  
Parliament House, Sydney

I wish to present this Submission to the Legislative Council, New South Wales Parliament on behalf T.C.A. Mathoura and having worked in the timber industry here for the past fifty years. Have had to exit the industry because of the National Park Legislation.

With regard to the History of the Flood Plain Red Gum Forests, I will go back some time. Two gentlemen, name of Randell and Cadell, built the first River Steamers to go on the Murray, about the 1850's, from then on the River Boat Industry took off. The Millewa group of forests and Barmah on the Victorian side, supplied the essential Redgum timbers for the Steamers and warf instillations from Echuca and down as far as Goolwa, Mannum and Morgan, South Australia. They opened up trade to the outlying Stations of the Riverina, because goods would arrive at these places and produce taken out, in good condition. It lifted the value of these stations at least twofold.

These forests also provided piles for Warf Instillations at Melbourne and most other places around the coast, and the Rail Line Boom from the 1860's onward. In those days these industries were classified as essential, for the betterment of the southern states. Rail sleepers are still needed to this day. In the forest these were cut from saw log residue and silviculture thinning, not harmful to the forest, in my opinion.

The present days, there is a daily container train to the rice mill at Deniliquin, (Three engine and long, running on Red Gum Sleepers) rice being moved to Melbourne Ports for export. Still an essential industry.

Over the past years the forest management by Forests New South Wales and State Forests Victoria has been good, there are more trees in the forest than ever before. The closing down of a Sustainable Industry adversely affects every relevent community.

It would be good some of these forests could be utilised to provide these important products.

Please find enclosed, some photo's that the forests produced.

Yours Faithfully  
Ray Hill  
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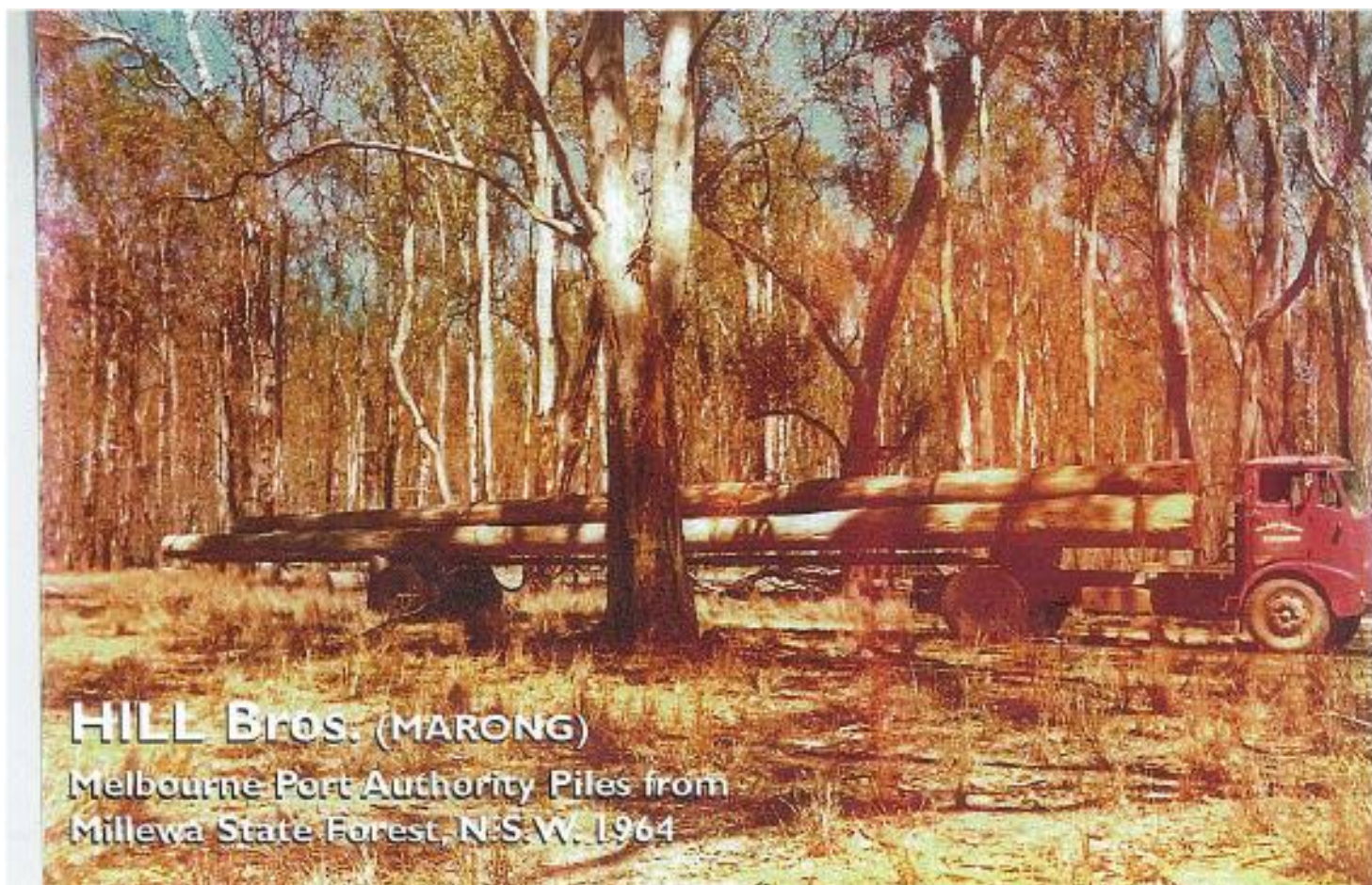
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Melbourne Port Authority Piles from  
Millewa State Forest, N.S.W. 1964