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

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We are devastated at the lack of concern shown by the NSW government regarding the plight of the remaining sawmills in the Baradine Gunnedah areas.

We came through the slaughter in 2005 by the then Labor Government and the almost complete destruction of the Cypress Industry. Now we will witness the total disappearance of the community of Baradine if something is not done to rescue the remaining source of employment in this community, which is the sawmill. We do not advocate destruction practices; we would like to return forest areas into efficient management.

Cypress has to be thinned in all areas for its growth; otherwise it becomes a locked up woody weed and a fire hazard that will destroy the whole area in a bad fire season.

Surely the Baradine community together with other regional communities deserve some consideration for their survival. We all can't move to the cities.

We feel natural resources in Forests and National Parks should be utilized for the good of community and country. We feel the only way this can be achieved is by commercial thinning, this would enhance the good management of all areas. This would also pay for itself and thus not be a burden on the public purse.

We are all aware that Forestry are a commercial entity and National Parks cost government. Commercial thinning would thus provide an extra income in these difficult times.

I am not opposed to National Parks, I serve on committees engaging in National Park work. There are great areas in the Pilliga that should be declared National Parks, such as the Dandry Gorge, Sandstone Caves and many flora areas, without any impact on Industry.

This forest has been logged for over 100 years, I have first hand experience in logging in the Pilliga. The Forest that has been taken from the Industry is as good as it is because of the Forestry management, not by being locked up.

It is acknowledged all over the World by Scientists that a good Forestry Practise enhances forest Biodiversity and the Environment for healthy Flora and Fauna outcomes. You now have the opportunity to reinvigorate the communities so dependent on this industry, such as Baradine, Coonabarabran and Gunnedah that have been extremely damaged by the previous governments decision in 2005.