

## **6. Forestry employee, friend and family**

Forestry operations are important to me as my job depends/ my friends and family as our town depends/ on a sustainable long term forest industry both from state forests and private forests.

I support having good environmental guidelines for the forestry industry but making too many rules causes the industry to have greater costs imposed on it and that is then clearly a problem for the economic viability of the industry and our town.

The issue that I would like to highlight is that the NSW government promised that the industry would not be subject to any wood loss from the new rules. It is important that this promise is kept.

There are about 22,000 people employed in the forest industries in NSW and this is important to rural regions and for the supply of sustainable hardwood timber to the Australian market.