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Committee Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations  
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Dear Secretary

I write to you in support ForestWorks and the role it plays as an Industry Skills Council (ISC).

Carter Holt Harvey Woodproducts Australia (CHH WPA) is Australia's most comprehensive wood manufacturing, distribution and sales business. It comprises of 15 manufacturing sites, 8 distribution/admin/sales centers, is located in 4 Australian states and employs 2500 people.

CHH WPA has worked with ForestWorks for some time now and is part of its committee and industry liaison network. We have read ForestWorks submission and to our knowledge it is an accurate representation of the role it plays and the effectiveness of the organization.

CHH WPA has contributed to ForestWorks on multiple levels, such as: participation in the SEC; review of skill standards and training materials; input and participation in Working Groups for qualifications, validation of the industry skills scan, attendance at the annual conference put on by ForestWorks plus other industry forums.

ForestWorks accurately and reliably represents the views of the industry on skills and employment issues with the support of industry and the Government.

CHH WPA truly values ForestWorks' contribution and the advice and knowledge they provide towards skilling the current and future workforce.

In the view of CHH WPA, ForestWorks is a key component of our industry and we need this Industry Skills Council role to be continued.

Yours sincerely

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