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Dear Secretary

INDUSTRY SKILLS COUNCIL REVIEW

The Victorian Association of Forest Industries (VAFI) is the peak employer representative body for the Victorian timber industry. We play an important role in advocating on behalf of the industry at both a Government (Local, State and Federal) and community level, and our industry contributes in excess of \$6 billion to the State economy, employing over 25,500 people.

We have worked with ForestWorks for some time now and are part of its committee and industry liaison network.

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

We value their contribution and the advice and knowledge they provide towards skilling the current and future workforce.

In our view they are a key component of our industry and we need this Industry Skills Council role to be continued.

Yours sincerely

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