

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

I am writing this submission on behalf of TAFE NSW – North Coast Institute, a large Registered Training Organisation covering the North Coast region of NSW. North Coast TAFE has 17 campuses operating across a large geographical area and we also provide a range of flexible, distance and online programs.

We have worked with Forestworks for some time now and are part of its working groups and industry liaison network. We value their contribution and the advice and knowledge they provide towards skilling the current and future workforce.

We would like to make special mention of Forestworks work to date on the North Coast region of NSW:

- Forestworks provide good assessment materials that are relevant to the various industry cohorts
- They are proactive in promotion of indigenous employment in the forest industry
- We would like to see greater engagement with the large timber processing employers, for example Boral, to promote training.

We hope these comments are useful to your Senate Inquiry.

Kind regards

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