Dr Shona Batge Committee Secretary Senate Standing Committee on Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

Dear Secretary

Our organization, Kimberly-Clark Australia is a leading producer of health & hygiene products in Australia. Through our manufacturing facility at Millicent in South Australia we have been involved with ForestWorks for a number of years 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 addition having read ForestWorks' submission we would say it is an accurate representation of the role and effectiveness of that organisation.

Kimberly-Clark Australia has been actively involved with 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 etc

We feel that ForestWorks is in a unique position to represent the industry ,having strong bonds with seven sectors across all states and territories

ForestWorks has a rigorous governance standard including constitution, elected directors, ASIC registration and auditing and is a powerful contributor to the improved skills and training in the industry

ForestWorks contributes to the wider industry development demands and trends through workforce development initiatives and policies for the industry and broader community

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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