

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

Dear Secretary

Otway Community College is a Registered Training Organisation. We provide some training for sawmilling and processing businesses in the Colac area in Western Victoria.

We have worked with ForestWorks for many years now and are part of its working groups 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.

Changes often seem to be brought in just because people think that there should always be change. The great danger is that you throw out the wealth of knowledge and experience within existing structures. It is impossible to put a value on the networking links that have been developed over many years between all the relevant organizations that come together through ForestWorks.

Yours sincerely

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