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Dear Mr Robinson,

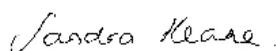
**RE: Conceptual Framework for the development of the  
South Australian Forest Industry Strategy**

The South Australian Farmers Federation (SAFF) would like to thank Primary Industries and Resources SA for developing this Strategy and allowing us to provide a submission to this document. SAFF has an interest in this issue and would like to be involved as we see forestry as another 'land use' that is a user of water resources. There are two issues of interest to SAFF – economic and NRM issues. We believe these two issues are interlinked, that in order for long term financial security and for long term planning purposes, the forestry industry needs a secure water allocation.

SAFF has been in negotiations with the forestry industry, and fully supports the industry having their own water allocation in volumetric measurements, which would be the same as that of irrigators. When the industry is given allocation, it should have the same property rights as irrigators have had previously and at present, i.e. water allocations based on prior use. The industry will then be able to enjoy long term planning security and privileges, within their obligations of sustainable management.

If further information is required or if you would like to discuss our submission, please contact Mr Kent Martin, SAFF Natural Resources Committee Member, on 8739-3058.

Yours sincerely



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