

Norvale Transport

To whom it may concern,

Please find my submission below in relation to the Agricultural Appeals (Amendment) Bill.

1. The current licencing process is inadequate. Huge delays are being caused by the Forestry Appeals committee (FAC).
2. We are experiencing severe delays within our industry due to the lengthy appeals process.
3. Due to the delays our work has slowed significantly and it will continue to slow in the very near future with the threat of it ceasing completely in the next few months.
4. The current FAC process is not fit for purpose and I fully support the Agricultural Appeals (Amendment) Bill.
5. If this process is not changed our livelihoods and employees' livelihoods will be impacted and we will be unable to keep our 6 employees in a job. In a climate where unemployment is rising and there is a lot of uncertainty in large industries in the country, it's critical that we protect, and ensure the survival, of our own industry. Forestry actively contributes to climate action, and the production of biofuel products. As a whole, it supports over 12,000 jobs in the country and as such is a critical home grown industry that needs to be protected and supported.

Kind regards,
Norevale Transport