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Dear Sir / Madam,

I write as a professional forester currently working in an untenable operating environment with regard to regulation and licencing of forestry operations, and the administration of same through the Forest Service.

Please note that I fully support the proposed amendment to the Agriculture Appeals Act, 2001 to align the forestry licencing and appeals processes with similar planning processes.

There are long and unsustainable delays to licences caused by the FAC and it cannot cope with current workloads.

Virtually all forestry activity is being affected and serious damage is being caused to the forest industry.

The livelihoods of thousands of people associated with the forestry sector (owners, foresters, harvesting contractors, sawmillers, hauliers, etc etc) are at stake here.

Future investment in the forestry sector is diminishing rapidly. Farmers are not planting and investors are not investing!

It is vital that the FAC is reformed to make it fit for purpose.

Yours sincerely,

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