



Australian
Forest
Products
Association

FEDERAL ELECTION 2022

*Our plan to drive growth, innovation and jobs
in Australia's renewable forest industries*

- ✓ **BUILD THE COUNTRY**
- ✓ **HELP FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE**
- ✓ **SUSTAINABLE WOOD & FIBRE SOLUTIONS FOR TODAY & TOMORROW**



This election, AFPA is seeking support for initiatives that will turbocharge Australia's modern forest industries, create jobs, secure regional communities and help Australia meet its 'net zero by 2050 goal'.



RECENT STUDIES HAVE SHOWN AUSTRALIA IS FACING A TIMBER DEFICIT EQUIVALENT TO 250,000 HOUSE FRAMES BY 2035



AUSTRALIA IS PIVOTING TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND PUSHING TO ABANDON SINGLE USE PLASTICS



DEMAND IS INCREASING FOR RENEWABLE, SUSTAINABLY SOURCED PRODUCTS FOR CONSTRUCTION, PACKAGING AND CHEMICALS



WE NEED TO SECURE AUSTRALIA'S FUTURE TIMBER FOREST RESOURCE

POLICY MEASURES TO HELP SOLVE THESE CHALLENGES

DELIVER ONE BILLION NEW TREES

- ✓ Initiatives that will grow Australia's plantation estate to meet our future timber and fibre needs and help achieve the Federal Government's One Billion Trees and 'Net Zero Emissions by 2050' goals
- ✓ A \$40 million 'Timber + Carbon' farm forestry pilot program to develop new carbon market opportunities and reward farmers who incorporate timber plantations on their land, leveraging the existing Emissions Reduction Fund, modelled on the already running \$40 million 'Biodiversity + Carbon' pilot program

CERTAINTY FOR NATIVE FORESTRY

- ✓ Australia's sustainable native forest industries are regulated to the highest international environmental standards to produce essential timber and paper products that Australians count on, while supporting tens of thousands of regional jobs. To drive investment and innovation in our hardwood industries, businesses and workers need operational certainty. The next Federal Government can give confidence to the sector by:
 - ✓ Safeguarding the Regional Forest Agreement (RFA) framework and committing to no more forest lock-ups to give the industry the confidence to invest and grow jobs
 - ✓ Backing our timber and forestry workers by opposing the reduction or closure of Australia's modest, sustainable native forest industry, including in Victoria and Western Australia

TURBOCHARGE JOB CREATING INNOVATION

- ✓ \$100 million for a National Institute for Forest Products Innovation (NIFPI) based in Launceston to unlock the next generation of forest industry jobs and cutting-edge industries
- ✓ A \$40 million manufacturing innovation fund for timber and paper processors to boost onshore value-adding in Australia's forest industries, creating new manufacturing and jobs in regional Australia.
- ✓ Initiatives to drive low-emission timber building construction and create new engineered timber manufacturing jobs
- ✓ Deliver a national forest industries skills and training strategy to secure the next generation of forest industry workers

UNLOCK THE POTENTIAL OF PAPER AND PACKAGING

- ✓ Deliver a Minister-led pulp, paper, and packaging industry plan to set the strategic framework for the sector and secure Australia's sovereign manufacturing capability of vital products
- ✓ Provide national waste and energy policies that reinforce and grow the vital role pulp, paper and packaging are playing in Australia's transition to a circular bio-economy and the phasing out of single-use plastics
- ✓ Deliver trade, energy and emissions reduction policies that support local manufacturing and jobs in the trade-exposed pulp and paper sector, and reinforce the significant work the sector is doing to reduce its carbon footprint to produce essential, renewable products



NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR FOREST PRODUCTS INNOVATION

As the world transitions to a more sustainable and lower emissions future, Australia's renewable forest, wood and paper products sector is ready to lead the way in creating the renewable industries of the 21st century.

However, over the past 20 years government investment in forest industries R&D has drastically declined. Australia's pool of researchers, vital to unlocking the huge value of a new generation of forest products, has fallen to critical levels from more than 700 researchers to fewer than 30 today.

The National Institute for Forest Products Innovation (NIFPI) will reverse this trend and turbocharge Australia's innovation capability in emerging technologies such as engineered timber, biomaterials, biochemicals and biofuels, as well as traditional fields such as forest science and timber processing.

Based in Launceston and led by the University of Tasmania, the NIFPI will drive new R&D investment and research collaboration across Australia, attracting the best and brightest minds to deliver a new generation of clean, green timber and fibre products.

The NIFPI will underpin next-generation manufacturing, turning waste and residues into innovative new products, creating a circular economy and ensure Australia has the sovereign capability to meet our essential timber and wood fibre needs.



Atlassian's new headquarters
A high rise timber tower proposed for Sydney





FOREST INDUSTRIES CONTRIBUTE
\$24 BILLION TO THE NATIONAL
ECONOMY ANNUALLY



FOREST INDUSTRIES ACROSS THE FULL VALUE CHAIN
DIRECTLY EMPLOY **80,000 AUSTRALIANS** AND
INDIRECTLY EMPLOY ANOTHER 100,000



GLOBAL DEMAND FOR WOOD-FIBRE IS
FORECAST TO **QUADRUPLE BY 2050**



OUR FORESTRY PLANTATIONS STORE
258 MILLION TONNES OF CARBON,
WITH THE CAPACITY FOR MUCH MORE.

