



Tasmanian
Forest
Products
Association

POLICY PLATFORM



OUR PRIORITIES

1. People
2. Timber Trees and Productivity
3. Resource Security
4. Climate Change and Carbon



ABOUT TFPA

TFPA represents all elements of Tasmania's forest industries value chain to governments, Tasmanian Parliament, media and the general public. Our members include private plantation managers, fibre processors, paper producers, softwood sawmills who make structural timber for housing, hardwood sawmills which create appearance grade timber products, construction plywood plants and engineered timber manufacturers

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SEEING THE FOREST FOR THE TREES

We know we are an industry that is a backbone of the economy, providing economic development, jobs and community stability. The TFPA represents 80 per cent of the growing, processing and manufacturing sectors of forestry in Tasmania. The TFPA and its members are on a path of growth and opportunity, and will deliver this by committing to our future priorities.

Our **PEOPLE** are our future and, without a skilled and diversified workforce, our industry won't grow.

Our industry is constantly improving and we want to increase the area of **TIMBER TREES AND PRODUCTIVITY** to do more on-island processing and value adding.

Tasmania and Australia are facing a sovereign risk crisis. Governments must do more to commit to **RESOURCE SECURITY**. To stop our reliance on imports we must support our native and plantation forestry sectors as a matter of priority.

Urgent action must be taken to address **CLIMATE CHANGE**. Timber and wood products are the natural solution that provides carbon storage and an alternative to less environmental friendly building materials.

PRIORITY 1: PEOPLE

ISSUE

Lack of robust information and data to make ongoing workforce decisions.

Attracting a diverse workforce into our industry.

Increasing the right skills and capability of our current and future workforce.

SOLUTION

Our industry makes good workforce decisions based on robust information and data.

The industry inspires and attracts a larger, more diverse workforce.

People have the right skills, knowledge and capability to be successful in our industry

PRIORITY 2: TIMBER TREES AND PRODUCTIVITY

ISSUE

To increase the amount of plantation timber processed or manufactured on-island.

The legislative and administrative issues that adversely affect plantation investment. and growth.

Forestry not part of the Government's draft Housing Strategy.

SOLUTION

Government policy/financial incentives to move private growers to a longer term rotation to produce sawlogs.

Stable and transparent government settings for plantation establishment and harvesting.

Forestry recognised as a stakeholder in the Government's Housing Strategy.

PRIORITY 3: RESOURCE SECURITY

ISSUE

Sovereign risk increased by reducing capacity and capability of forestry where we are reliant on imported timber and wood products.

Uncertainty around post-2027 STT contracts for hardwood sawmillers.

Logs being exported to mainland without downstream processing or value adding.

SOLUTION

Federal and State bipartisan support for forestry through their policies.

Delivery of long-term contracts to processors to access the minimum 137,000 cubic metres per annum volume of High Quality Sawlog (HQSL).

Implementation of a timber policy that puts locals first by prohibiting HQSL exports.

PRIORITY 4: CLIMATE CHANGE AND CARBON

ISSUE

Understanding the carbon balance for Tasmanian forestry.

Public not understanding the benefits of forestry and its link to timber and wood.

The fire risk to public and private resources.

SOLUTION

Analysis of LULUCF sector across public and private land.

Better communication to government and public on the need to replace fossil fuel/energy intensive products with wood.

Collaborate to mitigate the risk of fire across land tenures and consider better ways to provide resource resilience to bushfires.



WE MAKE THE PRODUCTS YOU LOVE...

PLANTATION FOREST TIMBER MAKES:

The timber frames for our homes, engineered wood products used to build new multi-storey residential and commercial buildings, wood-based panels for our kitchens, and wood fibre used to manufacture paper, packaging and bioproducts, replacing single use plastics. In addition, residues go into making potting mix, mulches, composts and landscaped products for our gardens.

NATIVE FOREST TIMBER MAKES:

Floorboards, staircases and furniture, while the residues and secondary timbers are used to make pallets, paper and packaging, replacing single use plastics. In Tasmania, timber production for appearance grade hardwood timber products occurs in designated areas that have been previously harvested. After harvest, these areas are regenerated, with no net loss of forest over time.



FORESTRY FACTS



Tasmania has a total land mass of 6.81 million hectares, of which nearly half (3.35 million hectares or 49 per cent) is forested. Native forest makes up 91 per cent of this and plantations nine per cent.



Tasmania's plantations (302 000 hectares) are made up of 25 per cent softwoods and 75 per cent hardwoods.



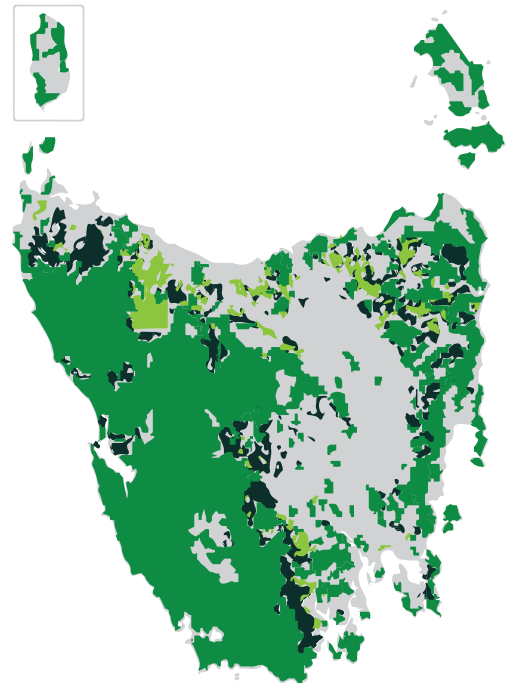
Forestry products are an important part of the environmental solution as they are renewable, biodegradable and importantly many of them store carbon.



Tasmania's native forestry operations are strictly regulated to the highest international environmental standards



Fifty-nine per cent of Tasmania's native forests - 1.79 million hectares - are protected in reserves.



- Conservation areas
- Public production forests
- Plantation forestry

PLANTATION FORESTRY

Tasmania accounts for about 18 per cent of Australia's plantation estate, around 302,000 hectares. Tasmania's plantation sector is made up of 25 per cent softwoods (radiata pine) and 75 per cent hardwoods (eucalyptus nitens and globulus).

NATIVE HARDWOOD FORESTRY

Tasmania has approximately 3.08 million hectares of native forest, with only 0.12 per cent sustainably harvested annually and then regenerated by law. Eighty-eight per cent of old growth forests are protected in Tasmania.