



Tasmanian
Forest
Products
Association

ELECTION WISHLIST



OUR PRIORITIES

1. Supporting Tasmanian businesses
2. Timber Trees and Productivity
3. Climate change and the fire threat
4. Reducing red tape



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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PRIORITY: SUPPORTING TASMANIAN BUSINESSES

Embrace our Home-Grown Timber Future Policy that encourages more on-island processing, growing the value of our timber and wood products, and increasing regional and rural jobs in our industry. Critical to achieving this objective is:

- Establishing a dedicated long rotation plantation forestry conversion fund of up to \$2.5 million annually for ten years.
- \$15 million to re-tool and re-skill our processing business to make best use of the plantation resource.
- \$5 million towards developing new ways to process on-island lower category logs.
- Commit to rollout the remaining funding under the On-Island Processing Grant Program for the whole industry.

Further commit to and fund the **Tasmanian Timber Promotion Board** to educate and raise awareness of forestry to the general public.

PRIORITY: CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE FIRE THREAT

To help the Tasmanian forestry industry respond to **climate change and the fire threat** we need:

- Charge the Climate Change Office to audit the state's forests to understand the benefits of the estate and report of any threats and opportunities to leverage responsible forestry to further harness forestry's carbon sequestration opportunities.
- Private estate owners to be included in the TasGRN network rollout.
- The forestry industry to be included in the fire coordination network.



PRIORITY: TIMBER TREES AND PRODUCTIVITY

To improve forestry businesses in the **timber trees and productivity** space we need:

- A full audit be undertaken to review the resource volume available (private/public and native/plantation) and future needs (housing, domestic and export markets) of Tasmania.
- Provide certainty by locking in current contract holders' future contracts post 2027, plus the immediate release of the statistics, and reasoning, around the post-2027 changes by STT.
- Commit \$5 million for grants and investment to encourage local forestry business to value add and thus retaining more economic value within the State.

PRIORITY: REDUCING RED TAPE

Commit to **reducing red tape**, specifically around:

- Road infrastructure improvements – target primary transport corridors that need upgrading to meet vehicle size and safety standards.
- Tas Freight Equalisation Scheme – improve the scheme by undertaking a review of the assistance payable per TEU and the intermodal cost.
- Forest Practice Plans – improve FPPs by changing when levy costs are imposed.
- Protection of Agricultural Land Policy – making plantations a legitimate form of ag cropping on all soil changes.



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.



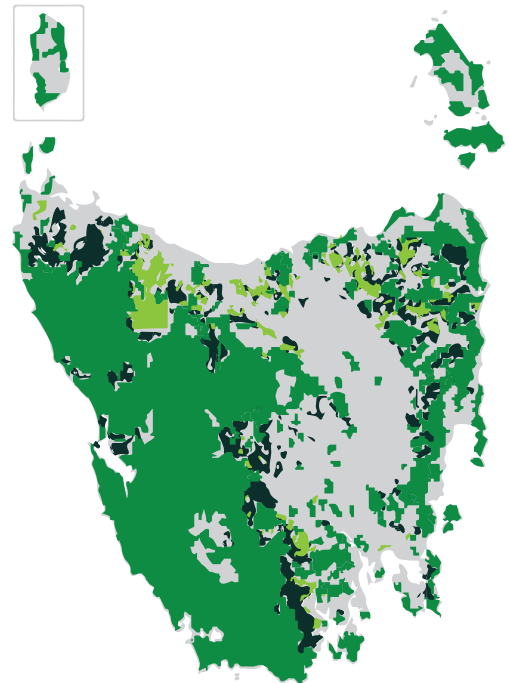
Forestry products are an important part of the environmental solution as they are renewable, biodegradable and importantly many of them store carbon.



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.