



# SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FOREST & WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY POLICY STATEMENT

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT APPRECIATES THE VALUE IN WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FOREST AND WOOD PRODUCTS INDUSTRY TO ACHIEVE THE INDUSTRY'S LONG TERM ECONOMIC POTENTIAL, WHILE MEETING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL EXPECTATIONS FOR SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE.

South Australia's Forest and Wood Products Industry comprises commercial plantations for its timber production across the state.

The South Australian Government recognises that:

- South Australia is a national leader in plantation forestry management, building on over 100 years of expertise in plantation forestry.
- South Australia has a comparative advantage in the area of forestry resources.
- Developing high-value forestry products is key to creating a viable future for the forest and wood products industry.
- Forest products provide a renewable, carbon-storing source of building materials, bio-energy and bio-chemicals.
- The Forest and Wood Products Industry contributes significantly to the economic diversity and development of regional economies through investment, manufacturing, and employment opportunities.

The South Australian Government is encouraged by the Blueprint strategies which set out strategic directions and opportunities for industry to work with Government and the community to promote a sustainable future for the Forest and Wood Products Industry in South Australia.



The South Australian Government is supportive of:

- The equitable treatment in a national context of planning, regulation and other government processes with respect to the Forest and Wood Products Industry in South Australia.
- A participatory regulatory environment within which sustainable Forest and Wood Products Industry businesses can grow and new innovative businesses can be established.
- Promoting the procurement and use of competitive locally produced forest and wood products.
- Investment in existing, emerging and diversified industry manufacturing opportunities such as solid wood products, engineered wood products, bioenergy, bio-chemicals and bio-fuels.
- Adoption of best practice approaches to sustainable and environmentally certified industry operations along the supply chain.
- Improving consumer awareness of the economic, social and environmental benefits of South Australia's Forest and Wood Products Industry.
- Industry development into research technologies to improve performance.
- Industry engagement with decision makers in order to integrate plantation forestry into regional landscape planning.
- Industry initiatives that ensure timely and local access to workforce training, skill development and accreditation, education and innovation to meet skills needs.
- Opportunities to improve market performance and value-adding within the Industry.
- A whole-of-government approach to working with industry on forest industry challenges and promoting viable outcomes.

## ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- *Blueprint for the future South Australian Forest and Wood Products Industry (2014 – 2040)*, 2014
- *Future Options for the Cellulosic Fibre Value Chain in the Green Triangle*, 2013
- *Managing the water resource impacts of plantation forests: A Statewide policy framework*, 2009
- *Manufacturing Works*, 2012
- *National Forest Policy Statement*, 1992
- *Plantations for Australia: The 2020 Vision*, 2002
- *Premium Food and Wine from our Clean Environment*, 2012
- *South Australian Forest Industry Strategy (Vision 2050, Strategic Directions 2011- 2016)*, 2011
- *South Australia's Strategic Plan*, 2011
- *State Procurement Board (2010) Sustainable Procurement Guideline*

