

TIMBER: GROWING WA'S ECONOMY

The timber industry is a key driver of economic activity and jobs in Western Australia.

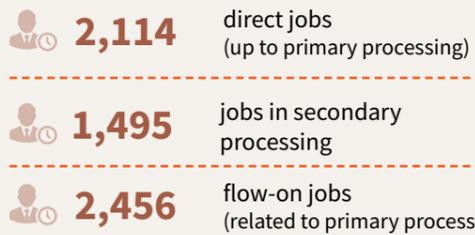


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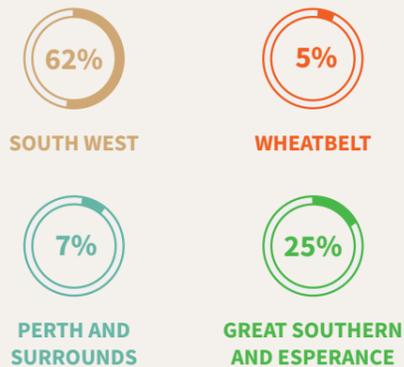


Jobs

The timber industry creates about **6,000** jobs in WA

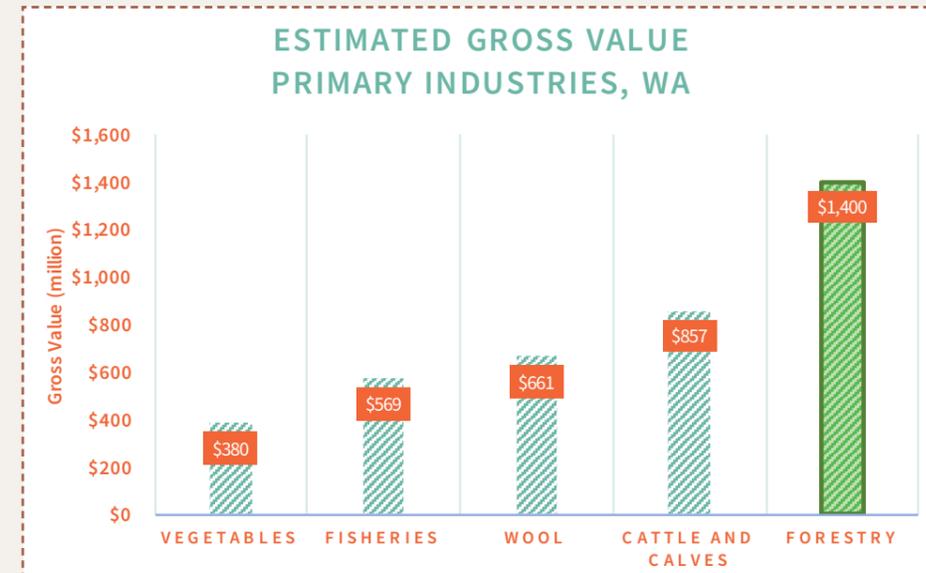
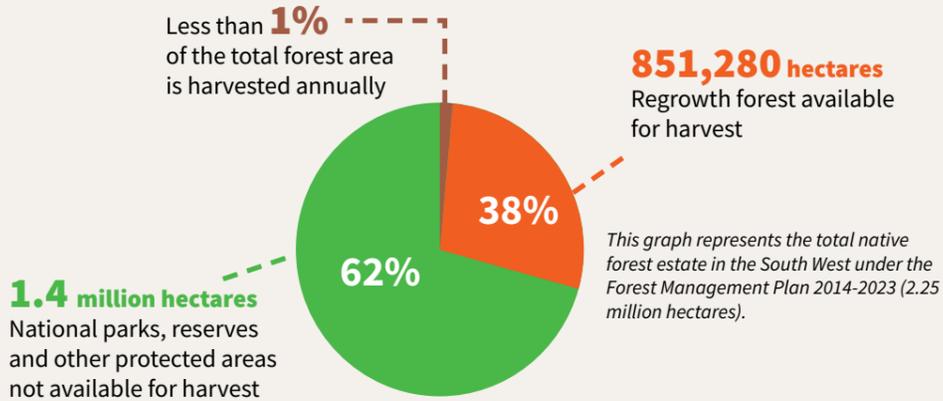


Where the jobs are (direct jobs)



Sustainable industry

Careful management and comprehensive policy ensures WA's timber industry is sustainably managed. Less than 1% of WA's total native forest area is harvested annually, and all is regenerated. Some of our major parks and reserves — Lane Poole, Big Brook, Boranup — are regrowth forests successfully regenerated for everyone to enjoy. Even native flora and fauna like quokkas, woylies and Baudin's Cockatoos have made regenerated forests home.



Source: Socio-economic impacts of the forest industry, Western Australia, December 2017, Forest and Wood Products Australia. Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2016.



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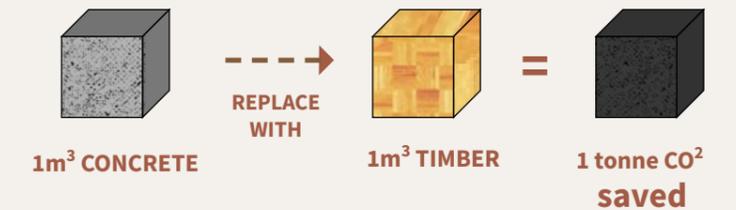
"Research predicts that if we used mass timber in place of concrete and steel, we could cut global emissions by up to 31 per cent."
- Philip Vivian, director of design firm Bates Smart and designer of Brisbane's ten floor 25 King building.

Environmentally friendly buildings

Wood is a key renewable building material. It is the sustainable and environmentally friendly choice for building.

Wood and nature connected design offers a range of benefits:

- Improved air quality by moderating humidity
- Improved emotional state and self-expression, reduced stress
- Helps to reconnect with nature
- Long term store of carbon, helping fight climate change
- Low energy used in production = less CO2 in the atmosphere



Social benefits

The industry supports a wide range of community events, initiatives and organisations including: The Bull & Barrel Festival Dardanup, The Busselton Show, The Bridgetown Agricultural Show, The Donnybrook Food and Wine Festival, ECU Bunbury Graduation Awards, Newton Moore SHS student scholarships, Ride to Conquer Cancer, South West Marine Research Program, Colлие to Donnybrook & Return Cycling Classic and The Donnybrook Football Club.

The Forest Products Commission has provided the nature play industry with 150 tonnes of timber products for playgrounds.