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## **WA Timber Industry welcomes new National Forest Industries Plan**

The WA timber industry stands to benefit from the National Forest Industries Plan, announced by the Federal Government last week.

That's the expectation of the state's peak timber industry body, the Forest Industries Federation of WA (FIFWA).

The new National Forest Industries Plan picks up on key priorities for the WA industry according to FIFWA CEO, Matt Granger.

"The aim of getting more trees in the ground, of the right species, in the right location and at the right scale, is fundamental for the WA industry," Mr Granger said.

"This plan has the bold objective of planting a billion extra trees over a decade which would go a long way to securing investment and jobs in sustainable and renewable industries," he said.

"We are delighted that the concept of Regional Forestry Hubs has gained traction in this plan. And that the Federal Member for Forrest, Nola Marino, is advocating for the South West to be identified as such a Regional Forestry Hub," Mr Granger said.

"We are committed to working with the Government to maximise the benefits for WA out of this national plan," Mr Granger concluded.

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### About FIFWA

Forest Industries Federation WA (FIFWA) has been representing the interests of the Western Australian timber industry since 1895. The industry is a key driver of economic activity and jobs in Western Australia, contributing \$1.4 billion to the WA economy and creating about 6000 jobs in WA, with more than 90% of those in regional areas. The industry employs careful and comprehensive management policies to ensure WA's forests are sustainably managed. Less than 1% of the total forest area is harvested annually.

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