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Encouraging Signs for New Timber Processing Project at Nannup

The WA timber industry welcomes news that Nannup Timber Processing (NTP) has been invited to lodge a full business case for Australian Government funding towards a new Plywood Veneer Peeling Facility.

The proposed project would open an exciting new chapter of adding value to our sustainably managed timber resources, according to the Acting CEO of the Forest Industries Federation of WA, Matt Granger.

"The proposed Nannup Plywood Veneer Peeling Facility would create more than 30 jobs in construction, and around 80 permanent positions when fully commissioned," Mr Granger said.

"NTP has overcome a massive field of competitors seeking this funding, to be eligible to submit a full business case," he said.

"So while it's not a done-deal, it's very welcome news. We are talking about a funding program (Regional Growth Fund) where each grant is over $10 million," Mr Granger explained.

"The proposed Plywood Veneer Peeling Facility would be transformational for Nannup, and the broader South West community. It would take a current sustainable timber resource and use new technology to extract a higher value product, especially from logs that are too small for sawmilling,' Mr Granger said.

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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.