



Victorian
Forest
Products
Association

VICTORIA FOREST INDUSTRIES AT A GLANCE



INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT



Our industry employs 21,000 people across Victoria with the full supply chain supporting up to 50,000 jobs



Our plantation estate covers 418,000 ha or just 1.9% of Victoria



Timber products are grown in either softwood or hardwood plantations or come from sustainably managed native forests – all of which are 100% globally certified



All harvested forests are replanted (plantations) or regenerated (multi-use public forests)



Victoria supplies 27% of the nation's logs



Victoria's mills and processors turn harvest logs and wood fibre into structural timber for housing, hardwood appearance grade timber products, posts and poles, particleboard, engineered timber products, wood-based panels and cardboard, paper, and packaging products



Our forest industries are carbon positive – storing carbon in the growing forests and continuing to store it for the life of the timber and paper products



Victoria contributes \$7.95 billion in direct sales, or 32% of the nation's primary and secondary manufacturing by value

ABOUT VFPA

VFPA is the peak industry body representing the forestry products value chain in Victoria from those growing, managing and harvesting our sustainable plantations and multiple use natural forests to the primary and secondary processing of timber, the manufacture of pulp, paper and bioproducts, and the value-added timber and pulp and paper products supply chains.

MAKING 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. A very small percentage of native timber comes from unharvested native Victorian forests. The rest comes from regenerated forests. Regenerated forests are forests harvested in the past, regenerated and harvested again in the future.



MAJOR FORESTRY REGIONS



MAJOR FORESTRY REGIONS INCLUDE:

- Central Highlands
- East Gippsland
- Gippsland
- Northeast
- West Victoria

THERE ARE ALSO 3 REGIONAL FORESTRY HUBS – COMMONWEALTH RECOGNISED STRATEGIC FORESTRY REGIONS

- Green Triangle
- Gippsland
- North East Victoria

SOFTWOOD INDUSTRIES

Victoria's Softwood plantation estate covers 226,400 ha. These estates produce 3.9 million m³ of logs or 23% of the softwood logs in Australia, with a gross value of \$337M.

HARDWOOD INDUSTRIES

Victoria's Hardwood plantation estate covers 194,100 ha, producing 3.9 million m³ of logs or 34% of the hardwood logs in Australia, with a gross value of \$302M.

NATIVE HARDWOOD INDUSTRIES

Only 3,000 ha of multiple use forests is harvested and regenerated annually by State-owned business VicForests. This equals 0.04% of the public estate, producing 1.08 million m³ of logs with a gross value of \$96M.