

# VICTORIAN NATIVE HARDWOOD

Native timber is an essential, high-value product used in Australian homes, public places and infrastructure, from bridges and railway sleepers over floorboards to staircases and furniture. We use residues and other timbers for posts, pallets, paper & packaging.



## 0.04% PER YEAR

That is the amount harvested in Victoria's native forests each year - in other words, 4 out of 10,000 trees.

Of all our native forests, just 6% is available for possible harvest, leaving 94% of Victoria's natural forest preserved.

Every native forest area harvested is regrown, and the habitat of threatened species is protected from timber harvesting.

## TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE



Responsibly sourced wood is the only renewable building material available; it removes and stores CO2 from the atmosphere. About 50% of the dry weight of wood is carbon.

Wood can substitute materials that require larger amounts of fossil fuels to be used.

## 50 YEARS



Many appearance grade timbers require native hardwood trees that are at least 50 years old, some up to 80 years old.



## WE GROW RESILIENT FORESTS

Native forestry is critical for resilient forests now and in future. We actively and sustainably manage forests. This means helping to mitigate risks to biodiversity from bushfires, pests and weeds.



## NO OLD-GROWTH HARVESTED

No old-growth forest is harvested in Victoria. In addition, just 6% of other native forests are available for possible harvest. That leaves 94% of Victoria's natural forest preserved.

## 100% GLOBALLY CERTIFIED



Victoria's native timber is 100% internationally certified under the world's largest independent forest certification scheme, PEFC's Responsible Wood.

There is no viable alternative to native timber - hardwood with similar properties would have to be imported, increasing the carbon footprint and chances of procuring illegal timber.

## BIGGER PICTURE

## POWERHOUSE VICTORIA

Victoria supplies 28% of Australia's native hardwood logs. We directly employ 4,000 people across our supply chain and contribute over \$1.4b to Victoria's economy.



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