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Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, Forest & Wood Products Australia (FWPA) acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia, and we acknowledge their connection to the land and their custodianship of forests. We pay our respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

2023/24 Highlights



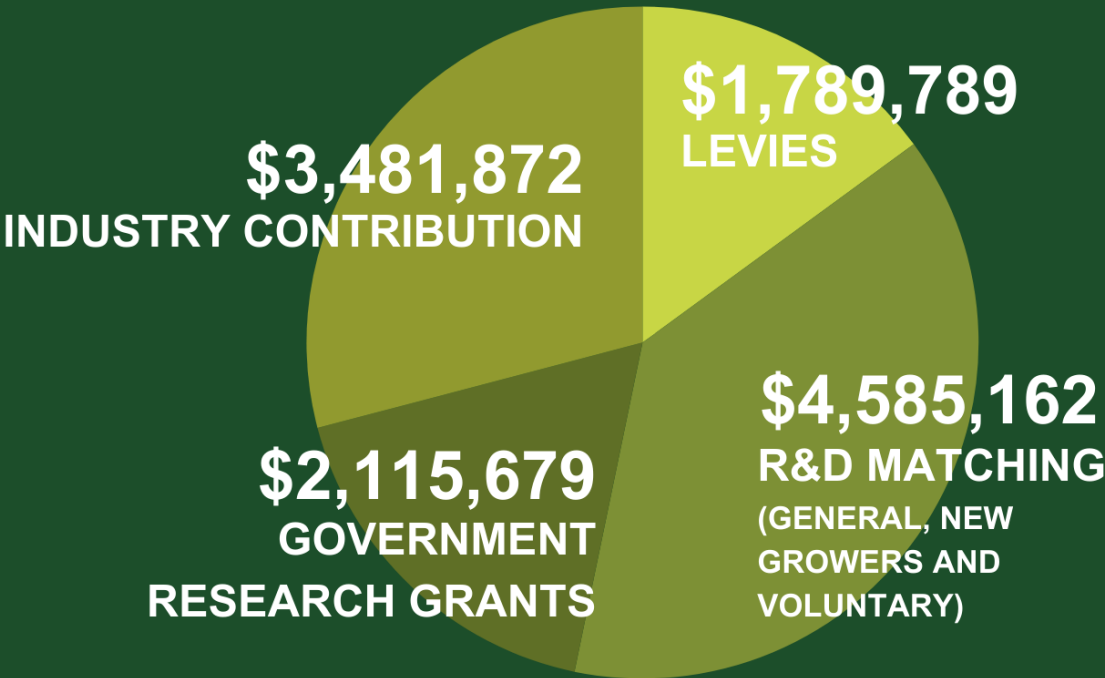
2023/24 Highlights



**14 PUBLISHED
R&D REPORTS**

76 ACTIVE PROJECTS

33 COMPLETED PROJECTS



**\$11,972,503
INVESTED IN R&D**

**\$4,585,162
MATCHED
FUNDING IN R&D**



A message from the Chair



Craig Taylor, Chair

The past year presented significant challenges to the entire forest and wood products industry and FWPA's business and operations were exposed to these challenges and their impacts.

High interest rates, cost of living pressures, weakness in key export markets, relatively low housing starts, and construction activity have contributed to a downturn in demand for wood products manufactured in Australia.

Our members have had to tighten their belts – and in turn, FWPA had to do the same: operating with reduced revenue and planning for a potential further year of doing more with less. When it became clear that our revenue for 2023/24 would be impacted, we restructured our activities to ensure we kept expenditure in line with revenue. I congratulate the whole FWPA team in delivering a small surplus for the financial year whilst receiving another clean and unmodified external audit.

In this environment, it is more important than ever to ensure our activities reflect the priorities and needs of our levy paying members and we engage meaningfully with stakeholders in our planning and in communicating how and where we are investing.

It is fitting therefore that this year marks the first Annual Report incorporating the company's objectives outlined in the 2023-28 Strategic Plan. This plan's priority outcomes provide a clear framework to address the needs of consumers, supply chain participants, growers, processors and importers, enhance industry capability and decision-making and ensure high performance service delivery. Strategy is an ongoing process, and we will continue to seek and incorporate feedback from our stakeholders, assess the operating environment and, where necessary, adjust our strategy and priorities in response to the needs of the industry we serve.

Under the leadership of CEO Andrew Leighton, the FWPA team has produced another year of dedicated work and innovation in trying circumstances. The team remains committed to delivering value for members and stakeholders alike and I thank them for their efforts.

I also thank my fellow Board members for their guidance, wisdom and governance of FWPA throughout the year. In 2024, three Directors will retire, and we extend our gratitude to Steve Dadd, Nick Roberts and Yvonne Pengilly for the care and dedication they have brought to their time on the board. Although they are big shoes to fill, I am confident that the Director Selection process, as outlined in our constitution, will ensure they are replaced by highly competent Directors. The candidates that have been selected will be nominated to fill these vacancies and there will be a formal vote at the Annual General Meeting in November. I am certain the new Directors will bring unique perspectives and similarly strong commitment to excellence as our outgoing colleagues.

We continue to enjoy a positive and productive relationship with the Australian Government and in particular, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. We look forward to working with the Department's newly appointed Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, The Hon. Julie Collins MP and Assistant Minister The Hon. Senator Anthony Chisholm.

Looking ahead, we will continue to deliver on our commitment to consult and engage with stakeholders so that FWPA's strategic focus remains relevant, appropriate and adaptive to the operating environment.

As such, we welcome the investment of \$100 million in a new federal research initiative, Australian Forest and Wood Innovations (AFWI), to support further innovation and knowledge sharing in our industry. FWPA looks forward to working collaboratively with AFWI over the coming years and supporting the needs and priorities of our members.

Maintaining strong relationships and collaboration with industry partners remains a crucial facet of FWPA's work. I extend my acknowledgement to the Australian Timber Importers Federation, Engineered Wood Products Association of Australasia and Australian Forest Products Association for their continued support of FWPA and our members. Particular thanks go to leaders (respectively) Natalie Reynolds, Gavin Matthew and Diana Hallam.

Within FWPA, the Grower Research Advisory Committee (GRAC) remains a strong example of FWPA's collaboration and engagement with industry stakeholders. Through two open calls for proposals, the GRAC identified and supported \$26 million of investment across 23 research projects this financial year. These projects address a range of challenges across the forest growing sector and support the GRAC's vision to double the value of Australia's commercial forests by 2040. The open call process has presented significant opportunities for FWPA to invest in critical research projects and has helped with one of our key objectives: to increase capability and capacity of the research community to undertake research on behalf of growers. I thank the members of the GRAC and the Executive Committee for their diligent work assessing the large number of proposals we receive.

The GRAC model has proven to be successful in identifying and delivering collaborative research projects for our grower members. In the next year we are looking at how FWPA can use the GRAC model to improve and expand our research investments for our processor members. This will require significant input from our team and our manufacturing members to ensure that the processes undertaken to determine what research we invest in are transparent, rigorous and widely supported.

In 2024/25 FWPA will also work hard to continually improve the delivery of services to the importing sector and provide value for money for our other key funder and stakeholders, the Commonwealth of Australia and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

This report reflects a year of challenge and change for our industry, our members and our organisation. Above all, it highlights the vast diversity of programs and activities FWPA continues to deliver on behalf of members and stakeholders; to unearth and share knowledge, advance our industry and deliver value to consumers across the country.

A message from the CEO



Andrew Leighton, Chief Executive Officer

As the saying goes, the only constant is change. This is certainly true for the last twelve months at FWPA.

This financial year represented a time of significant transition for our organisation, with a focus on evolving our culture, systems and processes to reflect a changing approach to engaging with our industry.

FWPA underwent an organisation restructure, welcomed new faces to the team, implemented new finance and CRM systems, revamped our FWPA and The Ultimate Renewable™ websites and moved office to take up residence in a newly constructed mass timber building.

As we move to reporting against our new 2023-28 Strategic Plan, we have made changes in direct response to feedback from members, stakeholders and government. It is this commitment to engagement and consultation that will continue to drive our strategy moving forward.

The period of change at FWPA is reflected across our industry, with many member organisations experiencing a change in leadership and navigating the sometimes difficult transition this can cause. This also presents an opportunity to reset and explore new approaches to the way we communicate, engage and collaborate with these organisations.

Under our 2023-28 Strategic Plan, FWPA will for the first time report against specific key performance indicators (KPIs), measuring our annual progress towards the long-term goals set out in the strategy.

As is always the case with anything new, success doesn't occur overnight. While some of the KPIs in this year's report don't show linear growth, by measuring and monitoring our performance with this level of detail, we can continue to adjust, adapt and change to ensure we're delivering on our commitment to stakeholders. At FWPA this process is well underway, identifying and implementing changes in our approach that will deliver better results for our members and key stakeholders.

Towards our goal of improving consumer perceptions and growing demand for wood products, The Ultimate Renewable™ campaign reached millions of Australians and drove a demonstrated increase in confidence, understanding and support of the industry and wood as a preferred product.

Following comprehensive industry-wide consultation, the WoodSolutions program has adopted a new strategy. Already a leading authority on timber in construction, the new approach responds to stakeholder needs to secure WoodSolutions as a go-to resource and voice for the industry.

The new strategy has already delivered an improved partnership with leading Australian universities, collaborating on new education materials to further timber construction education, such as the WoodSolutions and University of Tasmania joint launch of a micro-credential course on Timber Design for Residential Construction.

WoodSolutions also launched the Resilient Timber Homes Technical Design Guide, which highlights sustainable timber construction using a resilience-focused approach to address climate challenges and ensure safety and well-being for occupants. A comprehensive review of all existing WoodSolutions Technical Design Guides is underway, and new best practice resources to address condensation in timber construction and timber building insurance are under development.

FWPA's collaboration with growers and processors, including the formalised Grower Research Advisory Committee (GRAC), continues to illustrate the benefits of meaningful engagement and knowledge sharing in support of research and development outcomes. This model also presents opportunities to explore similar processes to enhance collaboration with other stakeholders.

The last financial year has seen many resources developed from FWPA-supported research which can assist growers and processors in their planning, decision-making and operations. From a dedicated carbon series addressing climate change and emissions reduction, to the synthesis of three decades of data to better understand plantation nutrition factors, we are confident this work will create tangible benefits for the forestry industry around Australia.

Building industry capability remains a focus, and FWPA continues to find ways to empower, equip and support the forest and wood products industry with information, data and resources.

Through the collection and sharing of data through our Statistics and Economics programs, we gain greater insight into the sector and support all members to make more informed decisions. To this end, we look forward to the relaunch of our enhanced FWPA Data Dashboard later in 2024.

ForestLearning released several new units and resources to bring forestry and sustainable timber into Australian primary and secondary school classrooms, inspiring and educating a new generation of forest scientists.

Underpinning all we do is our foundational platform to deliver a high-quality service and value for stakeholders and members. From the redevelopment of our website, to continued collaboration with other research and partner organisations, we continue to seek opportunities to improve our operations on behalf of all stakeholders.

Change is not easy. It can be unsettling, uncertain and challenging. But it also presents great opportunities for innovation, improvement and achievement, and I thank my FWPA colleagues for embracing this time with enthusiasm and consideration. I am also grateful to the Board of Directors for their continued guidance and counsel through this last year, as well as our members, partners and the Australian Government for their ongoing support.

As we continue working together to implement the 2023-28 Strategic Plan, I look forward to sharing in our industry's collective success and growth for the years to come.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Leighton', written in a cursive style.

Vision

The Australian forest and wood products industry will grow in value as a result of increased demand for its innovative, sustainable and competitive products and services.

Mission

FWPA collaborates with government and industry to deliver transformative RD&E initiatives and market development programs to drive growth in the Australian forest and wood products industry.

Strategic Plan 2023-28

Strategic Framework

Under the Strategic Plan 2023-2028, FWPA will deliver on its mission through the achievement of four primary outcomes and one foundational platform.

Outcome 1

Consumers

Improve perceptions of forest and wood products through the development and promotion of their economic, environmental and social advantages.

Outcome 2

Supply chain customers

Increase the demand for, and value of, wood products in the built environment and industrial markets.

Outcome 3

Growers and processors

Improve the resource base, reduce risk and increase productivity and utilisation along the value chain.

Outcome 4

Industry capability and decision making

Attract and retain people to the industry and enhance workforce capability and decision making.

Foundational platform

High performance service delivery

Provide leadership as the industry services company.

Each outcome comprises several objectives. Key performance indicators (KPIs) or targets related to these deliverables sit below each outcome.

The Annual Report 2023/24 marks the first time FWPA is reporting performance against these new outcomes and objectives.

How we work, consult and engage with members and industry

FWPA is one of 15 Australian Rural Research and Development Corporations (RDCs) and is the nominated industry-owned services company under the Forestry Research and Development and Marketing Act 2007.

Under a Statutory Funding Contract, FWPA is funded by levies paid by qualifying industry participants, which are then matched by the Australian Government. The matched funding only applies to RD&E.

This contract requires FWPA to continually review its operations to ensure programs and activities remain appropriate to members and the wider industry.

A key component of this review process is consultation with stakeholders. To support consultation on an inclusive and ongoing basis, the [Consultation Plan](#) outlines the various levels of engagement FWPA undertakes, their purpose, frequency, and some of the methods used.

Key stakeholder groups include:

- national representative organisations
- government
- Board members
- members
- associations
- researchers
- specifiers
- supply chain customers
- the general public.

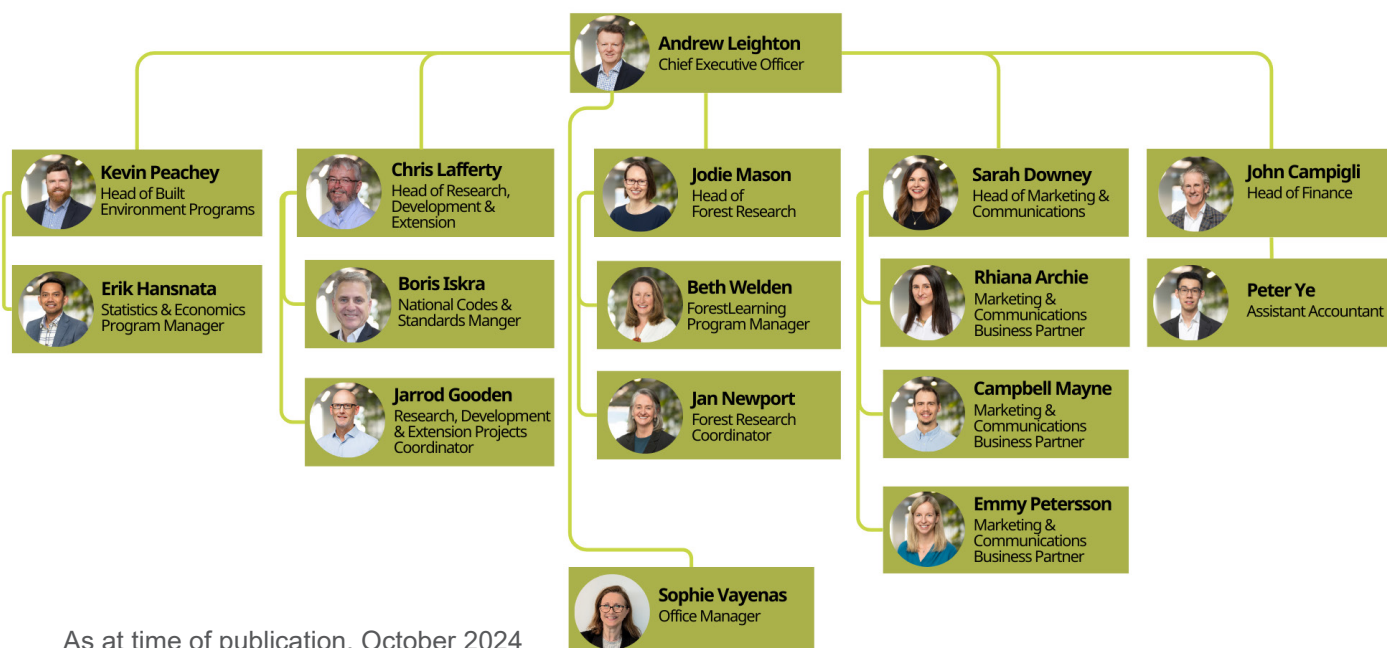
This review process creates a rolling 5-year planning cycle that ensures FWPA remains focused on the future, while making necessary adjustments within the operating environment.

FWPA's role remains focused on collaboration and innovation to benefit as many stakeholders as possible, while evolving with the shifting dynamics of the industry.

Throughout the year, the FWPA team and Board actively engaged in industry events and meetings, connecting with members and key stakeholders. Engagement with Indigenous communities was a particular focus for FWPA, culminating in a September 2023 [FWPA Board visit to the Northern Territory](#). The CEO and Directors met with local Indigenous leaders and toured a number of forestry operations in the Northern Territory, including the Indigenous owned and co-managed forestry operations in the Tiwi Islands.

FWPA management continued to make a concerted effort to consult with members across the country through a regular series of head office and operating site visits. Through meaningful conversations and insights, we deepened our understanding of priority areas to ensure alignment with the sector's evolving needs.

FWPA Team Organisation Chart



As at time of publication, October 2024

Benefit Assessment and Reporting Plan

FWPA's [Benefit Assessment & Reporting Plan](#) focuses on systematically evaluating projects based on their potential impact on productivity, demand, and social, environmental, or economic benefits. The plan enables timely return on investment (ROI) analysis and continuous monitoring of project outcomes. It also categorises projects into three types: those with significant adoption and impact, those serving as tools or enablers, and those focused on strategic R&D or insights, ensuring a structured approach to assessing and reporting benefits across its portfolio of activities.

In 2023/24, FWPA conducted several evaluations to assess the impact of its forestry research projects. The **Research Uptake Survey** (Dec 2023) of forest growers focussed on 17 completed and 5 ongoing projects with results highlighting economic benefits as the most highly valued type of outcome, followed by knowledge production, policy influence, and social and environmental gains.

An independent **Impact and Commercial Readiness Survey** (May 2024) assessed five proposals for impact readiness from four perspectives:

- Technology
- Market and customer knowledge
- Supply, manufacturing and distribution knowledge
- Financial considerations: revenue and cost

Key findings point to the importance of supporting better understanding by research providers and industry partners of pathways to adoption and impact, including market and customer, supply-chain, and financial considerations of project activities and outputs.

A **Benefit Cost Analysis** (Jan 2024) compared and ranked project proposals from the January 2024 open call on economic criteria focusing on potential impact to reduce costs, improve value of output, and reduce risk. Benefit-cost ratios were calculated as up to 38:1. The Benefit Cost Analysis results were considered alongside an assessment of scientific merit to inform investment recommendations. These evaluations help identify high-priority and impactful research for forest growers. FWPA is continuing to explore a range of research procurement models to help focus research effort on areas of highest priority and interest to growers, and the greatest potential for positive impact for the industry.

In August 2023, FWPA commissioned an external review of its **WoodSolutions** program, which has significantly influenced Australia's timber and construction industries since its establishment in 2010. The review found that WoodSolutions became a leading brand representing timber in the built environment by providing independent, non-proprietary information and education through various channels like technical guides, seminars, and webinars. Key benefits include facilitating knowledge transfer, enhancing market confidence, building a community of practice, and aligning with industry needs through stakeholder engagement.

The program has played a crucial role in advancing mass timber adoption in Australia. A 2023 survey of Australian specifiers into the performance of WoodSolutions found the program has a strong presence with architects and designers but needs to expand engagement to encompass influencers and decision-makers in the design and build industry. The program was rated 97% useful in their work, with the technical information, educational resources and strategies for sourcing certified wood valued the highest.

Whilst the experience of specifiers engaging with the WoodSolutions website remains positive (overall experience was rated 87% positive), citing up-to-date and easily comprehensible information, there has been a decrease to the previous year's findings (91%) which has prompted a redevelopment of the website for continuous improvement and to ensure WoodSolutions remains the go-to resource partner for specifiers.

Additionally, FWPA has commissioned an external review of the **Resilient Timber Homes** program, completed in 2024, and will be reported in future updates.

Outcome 1

Consumers

KPIs

In line with our [2023-28 Strategic Plan](#), the KPIs for the consumer area focus on improving customer perceptions of wood products. FWPA ran a very successful consumer marketing campaign at the beginning of the financial year that delivered a positive impact on consumer sentiment as measured in post campaign research.

When we again conducted consumer research one year later, results show a slight decline against our baseline metrics. This may be partially explained by the current economic climate and rising costs, but it also indicates that our mass media campaign may not be driving the lasting impact on consumer sentiment we desire. For this reason, we are considering a move to an 'always on' digital campaign (vs. our current 2 month 'above-the-line' campaign). We believe this approach may deliver a more targeted and consistent marketing presence year-round, keeping the benefits of wood and wood products consistently front of mind.

It's worth noting that despite the decline in this year's results, wood clearly remains the most preferred material when compared with others.

1 Improved consumer perceptions of the environmental friendliness of wood

Consumers (%) who agree wood is the most environmentally friendly building material

| BASELINE | 2024 RESULT | 2028 GOAL |
|----------|-------------|-----------|
| 59% | 54% | 70% |

2 Improved consumer perceptions of wood as a preferred material

Consumers (%) who view wood as a preferred material for relevant situations

| BASELINE | 2024 RESULT | 2028 GOAL |
|----------|-------------|-----------|
| 71% | 66% | 80% |

The Ultimate Renewable™ 2023 Campaign

70% were "far more supportive" or "slightly more supportive" of the industry

3%↑ increase in support of industry from previous year's campaign

74%
would consider wood for future projects

85%
believed the information in the campaign

75%
felt more confident about the sustainability of wood

78%
felt the campaign enhanced their understanding of the industry

The Ultimate Renewable™ 2023 campaign

The Ultimate Renewable™ is an industry campaign designed to improve consumer perceptions of forest and wood products. FWPA funds this campaign on behalf of members, telling the story of our industry's environmental and social advantages.

Emphasising education and backed by research, the campaign aims to improve consumer perceptions and position wood as a preferred material – in turn, growing customer demand for wood products.

Presented again by popular ambassador Adam Dovile, the 2023 campaign ran through August and September across broadcast, digital, print, social, search and out-of-home advertising channels.

With a total campaign reach in excess of 22 million impressions, the impact on consumer sentiment was notable post campaign.

Overall support for the forest and wood products industry increased over 12 months, growing by 2 percentage points to 55% support. Three in five people believe that Australian forestry is renewable and follows a long-term replanting approach.

Outcome 2

Supply chain customers

KPIs

In line with the [2023-28 Strategic Plan](#), KPIs for the supply chain outcome focus on improving perceptions of wood as a building material, plus supporting the design and build capabilities of wood through enhanced building standards.

Whilst we didn't achieve the goal of publishing two FWPA industry standards in 2023/24 considerable effort went into establishing the right structure, with two draft Industry Standards currently open for public comment and due to be published in 2024/25.

1 Increased positive attitude toward wood products by design and build specifiers as preferred material

Specifiers (%) view wood as a preferred material for construction

| BASELINE | 2024 RESULT | 2028 GOAL |
|----------|-------------|-----------|
| 74% | 75% | 83% |

2 Availability of enhanced building standards and codes that support the use of wood products

Number of enhanced building standards developed and published per year

| BASELINE | 2024 RESULT | 2028 GOAL |
|--------------|-------------|------------|
| (new metric) | 0 | 2 per year |

New WoodSolutions program strategy

WoodSolutions is a leading authority in the use of timber in construction, providing information and resources for students and professionals in the building design and construction industry.

FWPA recognises that the market has matured since WoodSolutions was established in 2010, and so the program must also evolve to remain a leading asset for communication with the wider design and build industry.

WoodSolutions underwent a comprehensive review, including a competitor analysis and extensive consultation. This included more than 50 hours of interviews, conversations with more than 100 stakeholders and analysis of more than 600 survey responses.

As a result, the new WoodSolutions program strategy focuses on securing its place as a 'one-stop shop' for information and resources, supporting the use of timber and boosting user confidence to increase the uptake of timber in the built environment.

The strategy emphasises:

- growing the value of the Australian forest and wood products industry;
- boosting timber competency to reduce risk and drive market confidence; and
- increasing adoption of timber through effective communications of its benefits.

Activities to support these goals include curating relevant events and sponsorships, updating the supplier directory, and establishing communities of practice to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing.

The new program strategy was approved by the FWPA Board in early 2024 and implementation is underway.



WoodSolutions events

Throughout each year, WoodSolutions partners with and sponsors industry associations and major events that align with its goal to educate students and professionals on the use of wood and wood products in the built environment.

This facilitates alliances with peak national bodies such as Architects Institute of Australia (AIA), Engineers Australia and Master Builders Association, providing access to their members and increasing the reach and coverage of WoodSolutions' resources and information.

In 2023/24 WoodSolutions hosted the annual Industry-University Educator workshop, which brings together members from the timber industry and higher education to discuss how to increase the emphasis on timber in university engineering, architecture and building courses in Australia.

Similarly, WoodSolutions sponsored Canadian architect Tye Farrow's latest book Constructing Health and hosted an event showcasing the connections between built environment and health factors. Held at T3 Collingwood, the event also presented insights and learnings on Mass Timber Construction from the team behind the T3 project. WoodSolutions also sponsored Mr Farrow's presentations at various AIA state chapters while he was in Australia.

Events such as these create opportunities to build a timber network to share knowledge and experience.

WoodSolutions resources

WoodSolutions published 2 new technical design guides this financial year.

- [The Resilient Timber Homes Guide](#) details how sustainable timber homes can be designed and built with a Code+ approach to resilience, providing a proactive solution to mitigating climate challenges while emphasising safety and wellbeing.
- [The Role of Wood Products in Zero Carbon Buildings](#) include in a three-part carbon report series (more information on page 15).

Codes and Standards

The key activities of FWPA's Codes and Standards program are to review, identify required changes and submit comments during the development of Australia's building code (the National Construction Code) and Australian and international standards that may impact the use of timber and wood-based products.

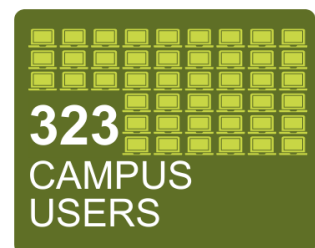
During the financial year, this involved significant research and contributions to the revision of key Australian Standards including:

- AS/NZS 1170 series (loading codes);
- AS 4055 Wind loads for housing;
- AS 1684 series (residential timber-framed construction); and
- AS 3959 Construction in bushfire-prone areas.

A new FWPA/WoodSolutions Industry Standards development program commenced under the guidance of FWPA's Standards Reference Panel (SRP) as well as a new manual, Procedures for the Development and Maintenance of Timber Product and Related Standards, based on established procedures undertaken by accredited standards development organisations.

Two draft Industry Standards were prepared in 2023/24 and have been released for public comment before publication in 2024/25, with an additional three standards to be completed.

WoodSolutions Events



Outcome 3

Growers and processors

KPIs

The KPIs under Outcome 3 focus on benefit and adoption of FWPA research and development and programs by grower and processor members and industry. We did see a decline on both KPIs in 2024. With our recent increased focus on adoption of research findings we anticipate a gradual improvement against the KPI's in coming years.

1 FWPA influencing positive outcomes from adoption of new tools to increase plantation productivity (yield/ha) and reduce risk

Growers (%) who agree FWPA research outputs have been adopted and provide commercial benefit to growers

| BASELINE | 2024 RESULT | 2028 GOAL |
|----------|-------------|-----------|
| 50% | 44% | 60% |

2 FWPA influencing positive outcomes relating to increased conversion of forest resource to highest valued added wood products

Processors (%) who agree FWPA research outputs have been adopted and provide commercial benefit to processors

| BASELINE | 2024 RESULT | 2028 GOAL |
|----------|-------------|-----------|
| 55% | 36% | 65% |

Carbon report series

The forestry and wood products sector has a key role to play in the effort to combat climate change and achieve emission reduction targets. To support industry knowledge and provide crucial guidance in this space, FWPA published [a three-part Carbon report series](#). It aims to empower the industry to actively contribute to the ongoing carbon and sustainability dialogue and identify future opportunities for growth and focus.

The series contains:

- the [Carbon Primer and Glossary](#) for forest and wood product sector company representatives. This clarifies a range of carbon and greenhouse gas concepts, terms and definitions, and is intended to upskill the sector on frameworks shaping the market for forest and wood products, particularly those used in construction;
- the [Forests, Plantations, Wood Products and Australia's Carbon Balance Guide](#) for policymakers. This shows the extent to which plantations and other commercial forests, as well as the wood products produced from those forests, contribute to Australia's carbon balance, and identifies opportunities to improve that contribution; and
- the **WoodSolutions Technical Design Guide, [The Role of Wood Products in Zero Carbon Buildings](#)**, which provides high-level guidance on a broad range of topics relevant to the built environment. These include carbon in forestry and wood products; biogenic and fossil carbon; embodied greenhouse gas emissions in buildings and designing for net zero; embodied carbon policies; and green building frameworks and tools.

In addition, [a social media asset library](#) was created with images and short animations for use by member organisations in their communications to help position our industry as being at the forefront of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Response to the resources has been highly positive, with close to 2,800 views and more than 250 downloads in 2023/24.

These guides also form part of the information underpinning the industry-wide Decarbonisation Plan, which is further detailed under the 'Foundational platform' section on page 23 of this report.

"The industry has a compelling, positive story to share when it comes to carbon, and we must be our own strongest promoters. As we've seen from the uptake by members since the guides were published, they are already informing our industry's dialogue around carbon and forestry."

– Kevin Peachey, Head of Built Environment Programs, FWPA

Nutrition Projects

FWPA invested in three research projects using data spanning 30 years in Australian forestry plantations, resulting in actionable recommendations and guidance for improving productivity, profitability and health of plantation forests.

The three projects are:

1. [A tool to predict fertiliser response and profitability in softwood plantations across Australia.](#)
2. [Optimising Nutrition Management of Hardwood Plantations for Sustainable Productivity and Profitability.](#)
3. [Optimising productivity of hardwood plantations: yield gap analysis for Eucalyptus globulus plantations in southern Australia.](#)

These projects analysed existing data and developed new nutrition trials, identified opportunities to improve nutrition response and systematised access to the data.

Existing tools – such as ProFert, a fertiliser decision-support tool that considers the benefit and cost of fertiliser application on a particular site, and APSIM (for hardwoods) – have been updated and enhanced with this long-term data and are providing immediate value to the industry.

“Making tools like ProFert available to industry is an important means of taking what we have learned and presenting it to forestry practitioners in a useful way.”

– John McGrath, Lead Researcher and Principal, McGrath Forestry Services

The three projects were developed to support increased productivity from Australia’s plantation estate, which has remained static or in decline (in terms of area) for the past decade.

Using pre-existing data to glean new insights allowed researchers to consider long-term factors such as climate change over 30 or 40-year softwood plantation rotations. Additionally, the projects encompassed a spread of geographic areas to observe the impact of varying climates and weather conditions.

The research also highlighted differences between hardwood and softwood findings, attributed to the typical previous use of land now used for plantations – generally former forest soils for softwood plantations and former agricultural land for hardwood.

Together, these three projects have informed practical outcomes for the forest plantation industry through improved knowledge and data, bridging a gap in nutrition expertise.

[Read a more in-depth analysis of the projects here.](#)

“Consultation with our grower members revealed a clear need and appetite for significantly increased investment in plantation nutrition – both through RD&E and capacity building. Bringing the findings of these three projects together in ProFert provides growers with a decision-support tool that uses the best available data to inform fertiliser application decisions.”

– Jodie Mason, Head of Forest Research, FWPA



ARC Advance Timber Hub

The [ARC Advance Timber Hub](#) aims to develop the resources, enablers and drivers to advance sustainable timber as a natural resource and the material of choice leading towards a net zero future for Australia's built environment.

The Hub is a \$16.5 million Australian Research Council (ARC) Industrial Transformation Research Hub, launched in October 2023 for a five-year term. It is administered by The University of Queensland's (UQ) School of Civil Engineering and is funded by [49 partners](#), with major funding support from UQ, the Queensland Government Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, ARC and FWPA.

It intends to support the transformation of Australia's timber and construction sectors by:

- stimulating growth in innovation;
- increasing the uptake of sustainable timber products used in buildings; and
- establishing a roadmap for change.

FWPA provides support to the Hub, including the funding of three scholarships for its close alignment with the objectives and priorities of FWPA and its members.

The Hub's research is focused on three overarching themes:

- Innovative Solutions for timber products to decrease cost and increase the value of mid-rise buildings;
- Transformative Benefits of a large-scale shift to the use of innovative timber solutions in the built environment; and
- Planning Change in the timber and construction sectors and their surrounding policy environment.

Timber Circularity Project

Chemical treatment of timber, important for durability and longevity, causes concern at end-of-life and reduces its ability to be reused or recycled. It also impacts how 'waste products' can be transported and treated once they are out of use.

These issues are driving timber users to examine alternative materials such as steel or plastic that have much higher overall environmental footprints. [The Timber Circularity Project](#) aims to identify new pathways for these products and increase productivity and utilisation along the value chain.

Looking at international examples to find local supply chain solutions, the project works collaboratively with industry partners to consider options for products such as treated vineyard posts, treated house framing and engineered wood products including medium density fibreboard and particleboard.

This project was made possible by voluntary matched funding via FWPA by the Australian Government as well as investment by a consortium of timber producers, chemical suppliers and timber users. The project is a collaborative venture between the Centre for Timber Durability and Design Life, Forest Research Institute and University of the Sunshine Coast (USC).



National Centre for Timber Durability and Design Life

Since its establishment, the FWPA-supported [National Centre for Timber Durability and Design Life](#) has made important inroads in working with industry to ensure Australia has access to the world's leading research, building strong links between industry, academia and customers. As well as overseeing vital research projects of significant value to the sector, it continues to educate the next generation of durability scientists, boosting Australian research capacity.

Initial support for the Centre was for 5 years, with renewal confirmed following a positive, external three-year review. In 2023, the Centre entered its second phase with renewed energy and purpose, marked by the appointment of a restructured Technical Advisory Committee and a dynamic new director, Professor Tripti Singh.

Throughout this financial year, the Centre has made impressive strides particularly in the realms of research, industry engagement and collaboration. These achievements not only reflect the Centre's commitment to excellence but also its evolving role as a leader in the timber and wood products sector.

- During 2023/24, the Centre's staff and students produced a total of 44 outputs, including journal papers, conference proceedings, and reports.
- The Centre's director delivered more than 25 presentations and webinars, both nationally and internationally.
- Centre's 4th Annual Showcase was held on June 17, 2024, where the Centre's latest developments, research projects and efforts were presented. This was attended by over 70 people and a total of 18 presentations were given.
- The two students who completed their degrees with the Centre this year have the following titles.
 1. **Linda Moss (PhD)** - Molecular-level community analysis of fungi associated with field-exposed timber stakes.
 2. **Elaine Galore (MSc)** – Assessment of Papua New Guinea timbers against marine borers.

“We continue to work hard to foster collaborative, relevant and impactful research projects that will address key industry challenges and create a future in which timber is recognised and celebrated for its durability, versatility and sustainability.”

– Professor Tripti Singh, Director, National Centre for Timber Durability and Design Life

Grower Research Advisory Committee

The Grower Research Advisory Committee (GRAC) allows FWPA, members and industry to collaboratively identify industry priorities, make recommendations and oversee research and development projects that directly benefit growers. The primary focus is on research that increases productivity and reduces risk and cost to the sector.

Highlights of 2023/24 include:

- two open calls for proposals, which resulted in **\$26 million of investment across 23 research projects** of priority to grower members;
- quarterly meetings with growers to share research, consult on the program, and receive updates from PhD students working on industry challenges under supervision and advisory of industry (co-funded by growers and the Australian Government);
- two PhD students funded as part of the [ARC Training Centre in Plant Biosecurity](#), which commenced in July 2024. Once recruited, the students will participate in industry placements and a technical and general professional development program as part of a large cohort of peers working in plant-based primary production systems;
- facilitating development of two large and technically complex research projects to progress growers' ability to model plantation productivity and product yields under future climate scenarios; and
- review and update of RD&E investment plans in consultation with growers and external technical and operational industry experts.

Private Forestry Guidance Materials

One of the most significant challenges for small-scale, privately owned forests is a lack of knowledge regarding the management of plantations and native forests as profitable land uses that contribute to Australia's future wood fibre needs.

Recognising this, the Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) commissioned FWPA to develop a series of *Private Forestry Guidance Materials*. These documents aim to break down knowledge barriers and are a comprehensive introduction to the business of commercial forestry, tailored for small-scale private owners of plantations and native forests, as well as Indigenous landowners and forest managers.

The materials include:

- four detailed commercial forestry guidance reports;
- a Private Forestry Reference Search database; and
- 23 information sheets.

This work was produced in collaboration with Greenwood Strategy Solutions and funded by DAFF.

Indigenous Commercial Forestry Opportunities project: East Arnhem, Northern Australia

Interest is rising in the commercial potential of northern Australia's Indigenous-owned forests. Indigenous communities seek self-determination and economic independence through ventures that respect their values and continue to care for Country.



Focused on East Arnhem Land, Northern Territory, *this project* aimed to understand Traditional Owners' interests in commercial forestry, assess the region's native forest resources, and develop new value-added timber products from Indigenous-owned forests.

FWPA facilitated this important work by providing funding to match the investment made by project partners including the University of the Sunshine Coast, Gumatj Corporation, Northern Territory and Queensland governments, and other regional organisations.

The project filled many knowledge and process gaps, providing a clearer pathway for future development of Indigenous-led commercial forestry in East Arnhem, including:

- developing a best-practice, community-defined free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) process with Indigenous interpreters, adaptable for future consultations;
- revealing the distribution and productivity of native forests, highlighting small-diameter, high-durability Darwin stringybark logs;
- creating prototype timber products and confirming the resource's suitability for small diameter roundwood production;
- delivering tools and steps for Indigenous forestry workforce and business development;
- demonstrating potential for sustainable Indigenous-led forestry, raising regional awareness and interest; and
- recommending further testing of the 'hub and spoke' business model with continued collaboration.

Outcome 4

Industry capability

KPIs

The KPIs for Outcome 4 are to attract people to the industry and enhance workforce capability and decision making. The desirability of working in the forest and wood products industry has held steady compared with benchmark data. We also added 2 new organisations in 2023/24 to contribute to FWPA's valuable industry data.

1 Improved perceptions of the forest and wood products industry as a career destination of choice

Consumers (%) who find the forest and wood products industry a desirable industry to work in

| BASELINE | 2024 RESULT | 2028 GOAL |
|----------|-------------|-----------|
| 51% | 51% | 60% |

2 Increased use of industry statistics for decision making by members

Number of contributors to FWPA's data series

| BASELINE | 2024 RESULT | 2028 GOAL |
|----------|-------------|-----------|
| 117 | 119 | 149 |

Decarbonisation roadmap

FWPA committed funding to research that will inform an industry-wide decarbonisation map, with the aim of leading the sector to achieve a better-than-carbon-neutral outcome by 2050. This pioneering initiative supports Australia's carbon commitments via the creation of a comprehensive decarbonisation roadmap for the forest and wood products industry.

The roadmap project models industry emissions projections out to 2050 to identify the most effective avenues for carbon emissions reduction, capture and storage.

It is the final element of an industry-wide carbon plan endorsed jointly by FWPA and the Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA) boards in August 2023, which establishes a strategy to identify and outline methods to achieve significant carbon reduction targets.

Partnering with AFPA and Wood Beca, [*the project*](#) is funded primarily through grower and processor contributions, with additional financial support from the paper and packaging sector – making this the first unified funded project between the forestry and wood products and paper and packaging sectors.

Reflecting international precedent such as the World Business Council for Sustainable [*Development's Forest Sector Net Zero Roadmap*](#), the project follows established protocol using Australian data to create a localised plan.

The forest and wood products industry is a pivotal player in the global economy and environmental sustainability. The decarbonisation plan will reinforce the industry's role in contributing to both climate goals while managing the resources necessary to help build 1.2 million homes over the next 5 years.

“As facilitators of this plan, FWPA is laying the groundwork to future-proof our industry. We are identifying the best paths to manage our carbon-storing resources, mitigating risks, and creating opportunities for our member companies to contribute to a robust and circular Australian economy.”

– Chris Lafferty, Head of Research, Development and Extension, FWPA

ForestLearning highlights

ForestLearning continues to support primary and secondary educators with free, Australian curriculum-aligned teaching resources focused on Australian forests, the role of forestry and sustainable timber products.

The need for fact-based, real-world educational resources supporting educators to teach students about Australia's forest and wood products industry is critically important, with almost 40% of students rating their knowledge of forest and wood products as 'not knowing much' or 'nothing' in a 2020 survey.

This financial year, the ForestLearning website was redeveloped to improve searchability, functionality and ease of use. This has subsequently improved the uptake of resources, with an increased number of downloads and user registrations on a per-session basis year-on-year.

In addition, several new resources were released:

- [*Forest Science Explorers*](#) unit for Years 5-6;
- [*Forest Science Explorers: Forest Types of Australia*](#) fact sheet series;
- [*Sustainable Schools: Going Green in Your Canteen*](#) cross-curricular unit for Years 5-6 (nominated for Australian Geography Teachers Association Education Awards);
- [*Forest Landscapes of Australia and the World*](#) for Year 8 Geography (nominated for Australian Geography Teachers Association Education Awards);
- New presentation slide decks to accompany larger units of work or to be used as stand-alone classroom discussion tools;
- [*Australian Forest Tour*](#) 360-degree photo resource; and
- [*She Maps/ForestLearning Drones in Forestry resource tour video*](#) for teachers.

[*ForestVR™ headsets*](#), already exceedingly popular with students and educators, have been made available to industry members and stakeholders for use at events as a value add. They provide an immersive showcase to guide users through the forest and timber processing journey and provide an insight into what it is like to work in the industry.

ForestLearning maintains working partnerships with a variety of organisations to support curriculum development. This includes the Australian Science Teachers Association, Design And Technologies Teachers Association of Victoria (DATTAVic), Geography Teachers Association of Victoria, Kimberlin Education, Gandan Yarnings and membership of the Primary Industries Education Foundation.

In this capacity, FWPA and ForestLearning representatives have visited events around the country to connect and share resources with industry and attended teacher conferences and workshops including CONASTA71, DATTAVic, DATTAQId and ANZIF 2023, where we received a great reception.



ForestLearning Website

- 2,845 registered users
- More than 86,000 visits
- 2,446 individual resource downloads



Video Resources

- 7,120+ views across YouTube and Vimeo
- 252+ hours of content viewed



Teachers' Packs

- 432 teachers using our collateral in classrooms
- More than 7,800 students reached with collateral



Social Media

- 3,622 followers across FaceBook, LinkedIn and Pinterest with a reach of over 44,000



ForestVR™

- ForestVR™ app downloaded to more than 2,500 total devices
- ForestVR™ headset loan kits travelled to most states supporting industry and educator events around the country



On the road

- Exhibited at 5 educator conferences, and ANZIF conference 2023
- Supported community events attended by industry members around the country with ForestLearning collateral packs to promote careers in and understanding of the forest and wood products industry

Statistics and economics webinar series

FWPA delivered a series of webinars to address ongoing housing challenges in Australia and to support the forestry industry in responding to supply chain challenges to plan for future housing needs.

The [webinars](#) featured contributions from diverse, leading experts in the fields of economics, demography and urban planning, highlighting the collaborative efforts needed to address the ongoing housing challenges.

The series, along with the summary report released in July 2024, outlined key discussion points for the timber industry's pivotal role in supporting government targets for new housing construction. It aimed to provide timely analysis and increase understanding of the timber industry's market potential.

“This webinar series helped facilitate meaningful conversations through insights and challenges around the future of housing and the vital role the wood products industry plays”

– Erick Hansnata, Statistics and Economics Program Manager, FWPA

FWPA data dashboard

For the past decade, FWPA has collated and made available a wide range of data on the forestry and wood products sector. This is intended to assist the industry with its business planning, providing trusted, impartial information to support decision-making and planning activities.

The public domain and industry data included in FWPA's dashboard has applications for a variety of business functions including leadership, business development, occupational health and safety, and human resources.

The dashboard was closed in late 2023/24 to expedite its redevelopment. It will be relaunched in 2024/25 with improved features and functionality for an enhanced user experience.

Gender and diversity data series

In 2023, FWPA undertook its [fourth annual Gender and Diversity Survey](#). Twenty-three companies voluntarily completed the survey, collectively representing more than 5,100 employees.

The key finding was the increasing number of women employees in the industry, as well as an increase in women in executive roles. This was evident in both the forest grower and timber processing sectors. In 2 years, the overall proportion of women executives has grown from 20% to 29%.

“As a female executive in this historically male-dominated industry, it is great to see gender diversity improving, clearly recognising and realising the benefits of diverse thinking at a strategic level.”

– Katie Fowden, General Manager – Stakeholder Engagement, Hyne Timber, and FWPA Board member

Timber Market Index

The [Timber Market Index](#) (TMI) is a representative directory of historical price movements for different categories of softwood products, published quarterly. It was developed with strong support from industry and is a collaboration between FWPA and the Australian Forest Products Association.

Establishing a TMI based on the existing FWPA softwood weighted average data series is part of the best practice approach and can be used to form the basis of new indices for the Australian softwood industry.

“The Timber Market Index is a powerful new tool in tracking industry price movements and trends over time. It's exciting to see this great initiative launched and to be able to support our industry with increased transparency and confidence in tracking industry trends.”

– Kevin Peachey, Head of Built Environment Programs, FWPA

Foundational platform

KPIs

FWPA's foundational platform is to achieve high performance service delivery and provide leadership as the industry services company. A lower response to our annual stakeholder survey was recorded, which may have impacted the 2024 industry KPI results.

1 Achieve high levels of perceived value for money with stakeholders

Total stakeholders (%) who rate FWPA as 'Above Average' or 'Excellent'

| BASELINE | 2024 RESULT | 2028 GOAL |
|----------|-------------|-----------|
| 50% | 39% | 60% |

2 Achieve high levels of perceived value for money with members

Members (%) who rate FWPA as 'Above Average' or 'Excellent'

| BASELINE | 2024 RESULT | 2028 GOAL |
|----------|-------------|-----------|
| 56% | 52% | 66% |

RDC Collaboration

Collaboration is at the core of strong performance for Rural Research and Development Corporations (RDCs). Working across industries and sectors, RDCs can address shared challenges and draw on one another's experience for improved outcomes by collaborating on research initiatives.

The [*Plant Biosecurity Research Initiative*](#) (PBRI) is one such example, where FWPA joined the Australian Government and six other RDCs to focus on collaborative research beneficial to many industries.

The PBRI, of which FWPA is a founding member, aims to minimise the damaging consequences caused by biosecurity threats such as endemic and exotic pests, diseases and weeds that affect Australia's plant industries.

The PBRI also focuses on capacity building through support of postgraduate scholarships and hosts a well-regarded biennial symposium for researchers and industry.

The PBRI has formal and proactive links with New Zealand and European biosecurity networks, and with the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research.

In February 2024, the PBRI launched its new [*Strategy 2023-2028*](#), creating a framework for collaborative investment and knowledge sharing in plant biosecurity research, development and extension activities.

In June 2024, FWPA joined other RDC representatives for the R&D Impact Showcase in Canberra. This great event shared case studies highlighting the important collaboration and work happening across all RDCs in the forestry, fisheries and agriculture space.

Throughout the year, FWPA joined the other RDCs to develop research scopes that address priority cross-sectoral challenges through AgriFutures' Emerging National Rural Issues program.

New FWPA website

Responding to member and stakeholder needs and feedback, FWPA redeveloped its primary website and relaunched it in February 2024.

The new site houses a comprehensive library of research reports, resources, data and tools created by FWPA to support the success of its members and the broader sector.

Designed for simplicity and an improved user experience, the new website is intuitive and includes enhanced navigation, search functionality and indexing to enable visitors to find information more easily than ever before.

FWPA's Head of Marketing and Communications Sarah Downey said the organisation was committed to actively supporting and delivering benefit for members and the industry, and this new website was one of the many ways it was delivering on that promise.

“We heard what members and stakeholders need from the FWPA website, and we are proud to present a platform that we believe will exceed their expectations,”

– Sarah Downey, Head of Marketing and Communications, FWPA

The redevelopment was completed in consultation with members, industry representatives and government. FWPA has already recorded a significant increase in year-on-year website performance as well as positive feedback from all stakeholders.

By making the website easy to search, we hope to provide members and stakeholders with a clearer picture of the activities we undertake that benefit the industry and easy access to our resources to incorporate into their business.

New FWPA Website

From February 2024 launch to 30 June 2024, the website recorded the following year-on-year increases



22% increase in number of views



400%+ increase of engaged sessions



13% increase in number of users



13% increase in documents/reports downloaded from the site

Indigenous participation

The Indigenous Commercial Forestry Opportunities project in East Arnhem Land has yielded significant findings and opportunities for the forestry industry.

The study successfully identified the interests and capacities of Traditional Owners in commercial native forestry, leading to the development of value-added timber products such as roundwood, shelter kits and traditional artefacts.

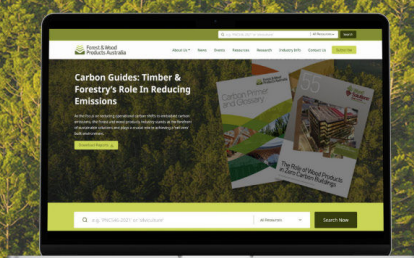
It highlighted market demand for Indigenous provenance timber products and recommended a 'hub and spoke' business model for processing and distribution.

The project focused on capacity building for Indigenous communities, emphasising sustainable forest management practices and zero-waste operations.

Key outcomes included the establishment of a Sustainable Native Forestry Demonstration Site, market assessments, and skills development for Traditional Owners.

The findings underscore the potential for economic growth, job creation and environmental sustainability through Indigenous-led forestry enterprises.

Visit our new
website



Voluntary Matching Projects

Research & Development 1.1

| Project description | Commonwealth & industry co-investment (\$) | Total project costs (\$) | Status | Project No. |
|---|--|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Indufor Asia Pacific (Australia) Pty Ltd Carbon in the Built Environment - methodology development | 153,546 | 195,340 | Active | VNA625-2324 |
| Timber Development Association (NSW) Ltd Development of Future Framing Project | 30,000 | 30,000 | Completed | VRA638-2324 |
| CRC Developing Northern Australia Maximizing northern tropical forestry - linking communities and cutting-edge technologies | 720,000 | 720,000 | Completed | VNB537-2021 |
| University of the Sunshine Coast Repurposing preservative-treated timber and engineered wood products at end-of-life: a circular approach | 206,250 | 975,000 | Active | VNB597-2223 |
| Timber Development Association (NSW) Ltd Stone Wool compliant NCC's Specification 10 - Fire-protected timber requirement | 66,000 | 172,000 | Active | VNA632-2324 |
| University of Tasmania An Investigation to Detect and Map Internal and External Defects in the Commercial Eucalypt Timber Species Using Non-destructive Techniques | 36,000 | 136,155 | Active | VNC511-1920 |
| Indufor Asia Pacific (Australia) Pty Ltd Victorian Wood fibre roadmap project | \$39,441 | 87,048 | Active | VNA664-2334 |
| WA Plantation Resources Pty. Ltd. (for IPMG) A Forest Pest Management (FPM) Research Consortium to optimise pest control solutions in forestry. | 473,300 | 2,792,806 | Active | VNC648-2324 |
| Forest Practices Authority Demonstrating Stewardship of the Environment and Ecologically Sustainable Forestry: Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Tasmanian Forest Practices Code for Biodiversity | 153,780 | 172,086 | Active | VNC457-1718 |
| University of South Australia Development of fit for purpose silviculture linking plantation management and productivity to wood properties | 150,000 | 179,379 | Active | VNC530-2021 |
| WA Plantation Resources Pty. Ltd. Enhancing the knowledge base for hardwood plantation management | 960,000 | 2,594,745 | Active | VNC590-2223 |
| University of the Sunshine Coast Forest Pest Management Research Consortium | 242,334 | 691,500 | Active | VNC576-2122 |
| University of South Australia Geospatial positioning and fusion: is real-time sub-metre, accuracy operationally feasible in forestry environments? | 540,540 | 2,212,318 | Active | VNC589-2223 |
| University of the Sunshine Coast Indigenous Commercial Forestry Opportunities: East Arnhem, northern Australia | 620,000 | 620,000 | Completed | VNC506-1920 |
| University of Tasmania Initial assessment of the potential for Australia's plantation Eucalyptus globulus resource in solid wood products for domestic markets | 90,000 | 464,689 | Active | VNC641-2324 |
| University of the Sunshine Coast Innovation in value realisation through the supply chain and supply chain technology | 525,000 | 653,098 | Completed | VNC513-1920 |

Completed project reports are available via the FWPA website

Voluntary Matching Projects

Research & Development 1.2

| Project description | Commonwealth & industry co-investment (\$) | Total project costs (\$) | Status | Project No. |
|---|--|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| University of South Australia Koala Detection using Biologically Inspired Vision | 233,000 | 1,055,006 | Active | VNC620-2324 |
| Western Sydney University Microbiome Management: Leveraging advances in microbiome research to deliver cost-effective tools to boost resilience and productivity of pines throughout their production lifecycle | 270,000 | 1,523,522 | Active | VNC578-2122 |
| Plant Health Australia Mobile applications to support stakeholder surveillance of exotic forest and environment pests | 56,000 | 56,000 | Completed | VNC514-1920 |
| University of Tasmania - School of Technology, Environments and Design Operational immersive visualisation and measurement of dense point cloud data in forest inventory | 270,000 | 470,184 | Completed | VNC520-1920 |
| University of South Australia Operational Transition of PINT Software | 20,510 | 409,599 | Active | VNC619-2324 |
| Forest Practices Authority Soil carbon in native and plantation forests – developing a key indicator of sustainable forest operations in a time of climate change | 210,000 | 550,750 | Active | VNC605-2223 |
| University of South Australia Assessment of current best practice techniques for handling pesticides in forestry applications | 158,836 | 1,283,853 | Active | VNC615-2223 |
| University of South Australia Development of a portfolio of alternative weed control strategies for use in plantations | 122,188 | 172,188 | Active | VNC529-2021 |
| Tree Breeding Australia Ltd Incorporating genetics into forest valuation models – IRRPLAN | 777,770 | 996,708 | Completed | VNC480-1819 |
| Tree Breeding Australia Ltd Increased and sustained productivity gains in national tree improvement programs for softwood and hardwood plantations | 3,217,565 | 5,866,969 | Active | VNC579-2122 |
| Tree Breeding Australia Ltd Quality assurance in the pedigree of radiata pine | 150,000 | 150,000 | Completed | VNC561-2021 |
| University of the Sunshine Coast Sirex biocontrol: cryptic nematode field strain prompts urgent review of program | 120,000 | 290,000 | Completed | VNC517-1920 |
| WA Plantation Resources Pty. Ltd. The Industry Plantation Management Group – Applied Research and Extension 2023-2028 | 338,920 | 1,394,799 | Active | VNC624-2324 |
| Tree Breeding Australia Ltd Tools, systems and enabling genetic technologies for pines and eucalypts | 981,941 | 1,966,692 | Completed | VNC515-1920 |
| Tree Breeding Australia Ltd Using genomics to double the rate of genetic gain in Australian forest | 1,336,283 | 2,879,901 | Active | VNC580-2122 |
| HVP Plantations Giant Pine Scale Chemical Control | 263,000 | 263,000 | Active | VNC450-1718 |

Completed project reports are available via the FWPA website

Voluntary Matching Projects

Research & Development 1.3

| Project description | Commonwealth & industry co-investment (\$) | Total project costs (\$) | Status | Project No. |
|--|--|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| La Trobe University Giant Pine Scale Postgraduate Research Scholarship Agreement | 263,000 | 273,000 | Active | VNC472-1819 |
| Australian Forest Products Association Remote-sensed tree detection and species identification in an urban environment during an emergency pest outbreak | 65,000 | 130,000 | Active | VNC635-2324 |
| WA Plantation Resources Pty. Ltd. (for IPMG) The Industry Plantation Management Group – Applied Research and Extension | 975,000 | 975,000 | Completed | VNC458-1718 |
| NSW Department of Primary Industries Carbon dynamics from native forestry in Australia | 120,000 | 120,000 | Completed | VRE574-2122 |
| CSIRO - Land and Water Natural capital accounting, from theory to practice. Case studies for Sustainable Timber Tasmania and Forestry Corporation NSW | 67,407 | 804,267 | Active | VNC604-2223 |
| Australian Forest Contractors Association Forest Fit Research Pilot | 597,779 | 848,802 | Active | VNE593-2223 |
| CRC for Developing Northern Australia Ltd Silvopastoral trials of commercial pine systems in North Queensland | 216,216 | 836,452 | Completed | VNC555-2122 |
| Plant Health Australia Developing exotic pest surveillance capacity in high risk areas across Australia | 255,000 | 255,000 | Completed | VNC512-1920 |
| University of the Sunshine Coast Enhancing biological control of invasive Eucalyptus weevils in Australia's eucalypt plantations | 150,500 | 424,813 | Active | VNC587-2223 |
| University of Tasmania School of Technology, Environments and Design Forest Growers Research Program | 613,500 | 817,874 | Active | VNC584-2122 |
| University of Tasmania Internet of Things-based Acoustic Detectors for Proactive Monitoring of Threatened Forest Fauna | 60,000 | 1,013,919 | Active | VNC640-2324 |

Completed project reports are available via the FWPA website

Levy Funded Projects

Research & Development 1.1

| Project description | FWPA investment (\$) | Total project costs (\$) | Status | Project No. |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Sylva Systems Pty Ltd Growers Benefit Cost Analysis 2022 | 28,800 | 28,800 | Completed | PRC596-2223 |
| University of Queensland ARC Advance Timber Hub | 173,582 | 885,000 | Active | PNB637-2324 |
| University of Queensland ARC Research Hub to Advance Timber for Australia's Future Built Environment | 132,000 | 2,928,844 | Active | PNB613-2223 |
| Life Cycle Logic Pty Ltd EPD verifications July 2024 | 9,248 | 18,495 | Active | PRA668-2425 |
| Wood Beca Limited Australian Forestry and Wood Processing Sector Emissions Modelling | 90,000 | 271,150 | Active | PRC657-2324 |
| University of South Australia Establishing the relationship between random and biased testing for structural verification of Australian sawn softwood | 72,000 | 150,000 | Active | PNA498-2021 |
| thinkstep Pty Ltd Update WoodSolutions EPDs | 100,562 | 178,980 | Active | PRA598-2223 |
| TimberED Services Pty Ltd Developing a technical basis for a biased testing structural property verification method for Australian sawn softwood | 59,700 | 95,000 | Completed | PRA497-1920 |
| Sustainable Timber Tasmania Processing pruned Eucalyptus nitens plantation logs to produce high-value sawn and veneer products | 168,915 | 179,551 | Active | PNB417-1617 |
| University of the Sunshine Coast National Centre for Timber Durability and Design Life 2 | 1,244,478 | 3,803,611 | Active | PNB606-2223 |
| University of Tasmania Characterising utility performance and in-grade properties of solid structural timber recovered from radiata pine second thinning logs (T2), third logs from clear fell, and core wood from current sawlogs | 80,000 | 398,000 | Active | PNC618-2223 |
| University of the Sunshine Coast Cost/benefit analysis of the fire risk mitigation and nutrient impacts of treating pine thinning residues | 81,882 | 404,199 | Active | PNC650-2324 |
| NSW Department of Primary Industries Develop and validate rapid, high-throughput diagnostic protocols for forest biosecurity surveillance | 200,000 | 650,215 | Active | PNC608-2223 |
| Ahmu Consulting Pty Ltd Development of the Climate change Investment Plan 2023 | 31,850 | 31,850 | Completed | PRC621-2324 |
| Waroo Development of the Fire Investment Plan 2023 | 29,095 | 29,095 | Completed | PRC622-2324 |
| Mayday Hill Consulting Development of the Operations and Supply Chain Investment Plan 2023 | 25,500 | 33,000 | Active | PRC610-2223 |
| University of Melbourne Development of the Plantation Silviculture and Nutrition Investment Plan 2023 | 8,160 | 24,726 | Active | PRC623-2324 |

Completed project reports are available via the FWPA website

Levy Funded Projects

Research & Development 1.2

| Project description | FWPA investment (\$) | Total project costs (\$) | Status | Project No. |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Ahmu Consulting Pty Ltd GRAC proposal codesign facilitation | 23,422 | 23,422 | Completed | PRC636-2324 |
| Alta Advisory Impact Analysis completed projects | 6,630 | 22,100 | Active | PRC669-2425 |
| Impact Innovation Group Pty Ltd Impact and Commercial analysis of GRAC projects | 18,100 | 18,100 | Completed | PRC639-2324 |
| TreeMod Improved tools to predict fertiliser response and profitability in softwood plantations across Australia. Component 2: Eastern Australia | 460,691 | 1,866,303 | Active | PNC477-1819 |
| University of South Australia Integrating APSIM estate wood flows and valuations Climate | 92,500 | 2,144,396 | Active | PNC658-2324 |
| University of South Australia Intelligent Image-based Hazard ID System for Worker Safety in Forestry Operations | 23,187 | 445,336 | Active | PNC661-2324 |
| WA Plantation Resources Pty. Ltd. Optimising nutrition management of hardwood plantations for sustainable productivity and profitability | 349,016 | 1,810,494 | Completed | PNC478-1819 |
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry QLD (DAFF) Reducing the risk of other myrtle rust strains entering Australia and the Pacific. | 20,000 | 93,813 | Active | PNC556-2021 |
| NSW Department of Primary Industries Social licence for tree removal to increase success of exotic pest eradication programs | 50,000 | 256,660 | Active | PNC609-2223 |
| Sustenance Asia Pty Ltd Sustainability Framework Scoping study | 15,000 | 15,000 | Completed | PRC665-2324 |
| McGrath Forestry Services Pty Ltd Transforming future softwood productivity through optimal site-specific silviculture | 435,000 | 4,899,848 | Active | PNC659-2324 |
| Tree Breeding Australia Ltd Developing plantation trees better adapted to changing environments | 185,000 | 370,000 | Completed | PNC547-2021 |
| Gondwana Genomics Pty Ltd Genomic screening for Teratosphaeria resistance | 630,822 | 1,340,174 | Active | PNC586-2223 |
| University of the Sunshine Coast IEA Bioenergy/USC - funding stream | 32,000 | 32,000 | Active | PRC601-2223 |
| Tree Breeding Australia Ltd Improving wood quality in radiata and southern pines | 300,000 | 300,000 | Active | PNC428-1617 |
| Tree Breeding Australia Ltd Incorporating genomic data in TREEPLAN evaluations to increase genetic gain | 677,737 | 1,444,813 | Active | PNC408-1516 |
| Cameron Consulting Provision of BCA for Jan 2024 Call - Cameron Consulting | 24,000 | 24,000 | Completed | PRC654-2324 |
| WA Plantation Resources Pty. Ltd. Remote sensing and AI to cost-effectively and accurately measure nutritional deficiencies and responses to fertiliser at an individual tree level and predict growth response | 146,520 | 294,020 | Active | PNC646-2324 |
| University of Melbourne Drought proofing our plantation estate – improved methods to efficiently manage water stress and productivity under a drying climate | 270,270 | 785,270 | Active | PNC588-2223 |

Completed project reports are available via the FWPA website

Levy Funded Projects

Research & Development 1.3

| Project description | FWPA investment (\$) | Total project costs (\$) | Status | Project No. |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| University of South Australia Investigating regional groundwater issues to assist future management decisions in the South East Lower Limestone Coast Water Allocation Plan region | 33,314 | 33,314 | Completed | PNC559-2122 |
| Agriculture Victoria Biological Control of Giant Pine Scale in Australia | 520,262 | 1,549,765 | Active | PNC489-1819 |
| University of the Sunshine Coast Improving pathway and risk analyses for forest pests in Australia | 60,000 | 456,310 | Active | PNC649-2324 |
| NSW Department of Primary Industries Improving sirex control with new biocontrol nematode | 37,000 | 177,000 | Active | PNC647-2324 |
| Plant Biosecurity Research Initiative Plant Biosecurity Research Initiative Phase II 2021-23 | 90,000 | 832,000 | Completed | PRC521-1920 |
| Plant Health Australia Plantation Forestry Biosecurity Plan Review | 57,040 | 158,770 | Active | PRC468-1819 |
| VSICA Research Pty Ltd Safeguarding Australian exports of logs from future withdrawals of methyl bromide | 39,000 | 227,375 | Active | PNC643-2324 |
| Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry QLD Understanding the threat that Cercospora Needle Disease (formerly Brown Needle Disease) poses to pine plantation production in Australia and risks to domestic and international markets | 17,530 | 225,924 | Active | PNC617-2324 |
| NSW Department of Primary Industries Carbon Abatement options for Aust Forestry in the ACCU Scheme | 40,000 | 40,000 | Completed | PRC631-2324 |
| STR Consulting Pty Ltd Industry sustainability framework – indicator mapping | 19,950 | 19,950 | Completed | PRC614-2223 |
| CSIRO Optimising forest plantation productivity and water use and adapting management practices to climate change | 100,000 | 1,137,000 | Active | PNC616-2223 |
| Horticulture Australia Limited Plant Biosecurity Research Initiative (PBRI) Phase 3 2023-28 | 85,552 | 1,820,181 | Active | PNC607-2223 |
| Cameron Consulting Growers Benefit Cost Analysis 2023 | 28,800 | 28,800 | Completed | PRC633-2324 |
| University of the Sunshine Coast Assessing and managing mid-rotation wood quality in Australian softwood plantations to produce fit-for-purpose logs | 600,000 | 2,034,157 | Active | PNB548-2021 |
| University of the Sunshine Coast Australian Forest Herbicide Research Consortium | 500,000 | 1,550,000 | Completed | PNC439-1718 |
| University of the Sunshine Coast Forest Supply Chain Value Optimisation 2022 | 100,000 | 332,778 | Active | PNC577-2122 |
| thinkstep Pty Ltd FWPA and WoodSolutions Carbon guides | 91,240 | 91,240 | Completed | PRE565-2122 |

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FWPA Administered Contracts

Non Levy Contributions

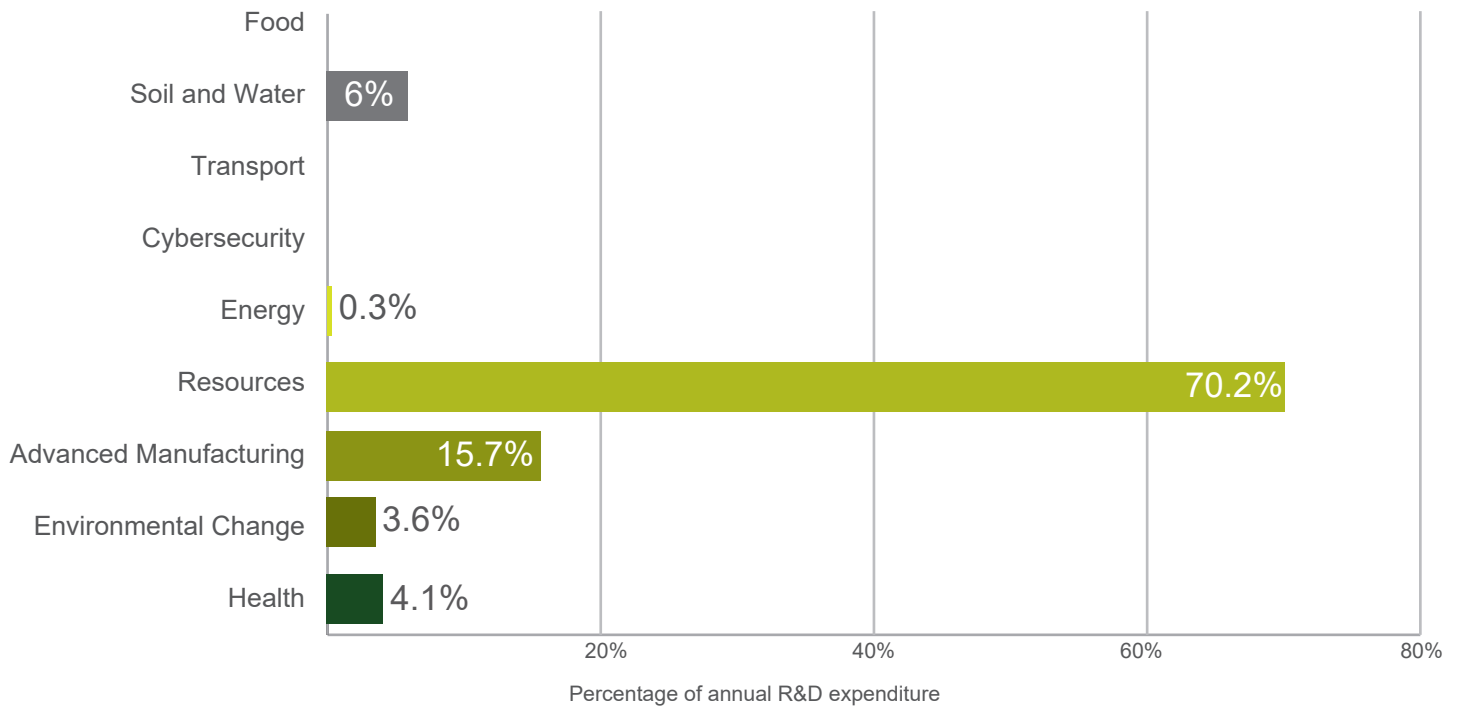
Research & Development 1.1

| Project description | External investment (\$) | Total project costs (\$) | Status | Project No. |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| University of South Australia Industry cash contribution - Growers Collaborative Commitment to project NIF200-2223 Weed Identification Using Remote Sensing (NIFPI Mount Gambier) | 77,793 | 113,238 | Active | GRC209-2223 |
| University of South Australia Industry cash contribution - Growers Collaborative Commitment to project NIF201-2223 Plantation water use and environmental asset management in plantation forests (NIFPI Mount Gambier) | 95,800 | 115,800 | Active | GRC210-2223 |
| Western Sydney University Industry cash contribution - Growers Collaborative Commitment to project NIF162-2122 Innovative nursery management solutions to sustainably manage root disease, improve nursery utilization, and enhance resilience and productivity of planted pines (NIFPI Gippsland) | 160,000 | 160,000 | Active | GRC581-2122 |
| Queensland Department of Primary Industries Agricultural Trade and Market Access Cooperation (ATMAC) Splinters to Structures | 170,000 | 400,000 | Active | GOV186-2223 |
| University of Melbourne Industry cash contribution - Growers Collaborative Commitment to project NIF148-2122 Harnessing the power of airborne high spatial resolution hyperspectral imagery for the softwood plantation industry (NIFPI Gippsland) | 84,000 | 84,000 | Active | GRC167-2122 |
| University of Tasmania Industry cash contribution - Growers Collaborative Commitment to project NIF149-2122 Autonomous detection and deterrent devices for browsing management in forested landscapes (NIFPI Gippsland) | 192,000 | 252,000 | Active | GRC168-2122 |
| Flinders University Industry cash contribution - Growers Collaborative Commitment to project NIF197-2223 Evaluation of remote sensing approaches for plantation health surveillance (NIFPI Mount Gambier) | 164,384 | 164,384 | Active | GRC203-2223 |
| Greenwood Strategy Solutions Pty Ltd Development of guidance material for farm forestry, private native forestry and indigenous owned or managed lands/forests [in support of GOV141-2021] | 475,000 | 475,000 | Completed | GOV161-2122 |
| Tree Breeding Australia Ltd Industry cash contribution - Growers Collaborative Commitment to project NIF163-2122 Sustained productivity gains in softwood plantations through enablement of single-step genomic selection (NIFPI Gippsland) | 422,000 | 422,000 | Active | GRC582-2122 |
| Sylva Systems Pty Ltd Industry cash contribution - Growers Collaborative Commitment to project NIF165-2122 A feasibility study of a commercially available remote-controlled and high-rate tree pruning unit to create fuel modified zones in softwood (NIFPI Gippsland) | 100,000 | 150,000 | Active | GRC583-2122 |
| Green Triangle Forestry Industries Hub Association Incorporated Quantifying the wider economic impact of a large-scale fire in the Green Triangle plantation estate | 30,000 | 90,000 | Completed | PNC642-2324 |

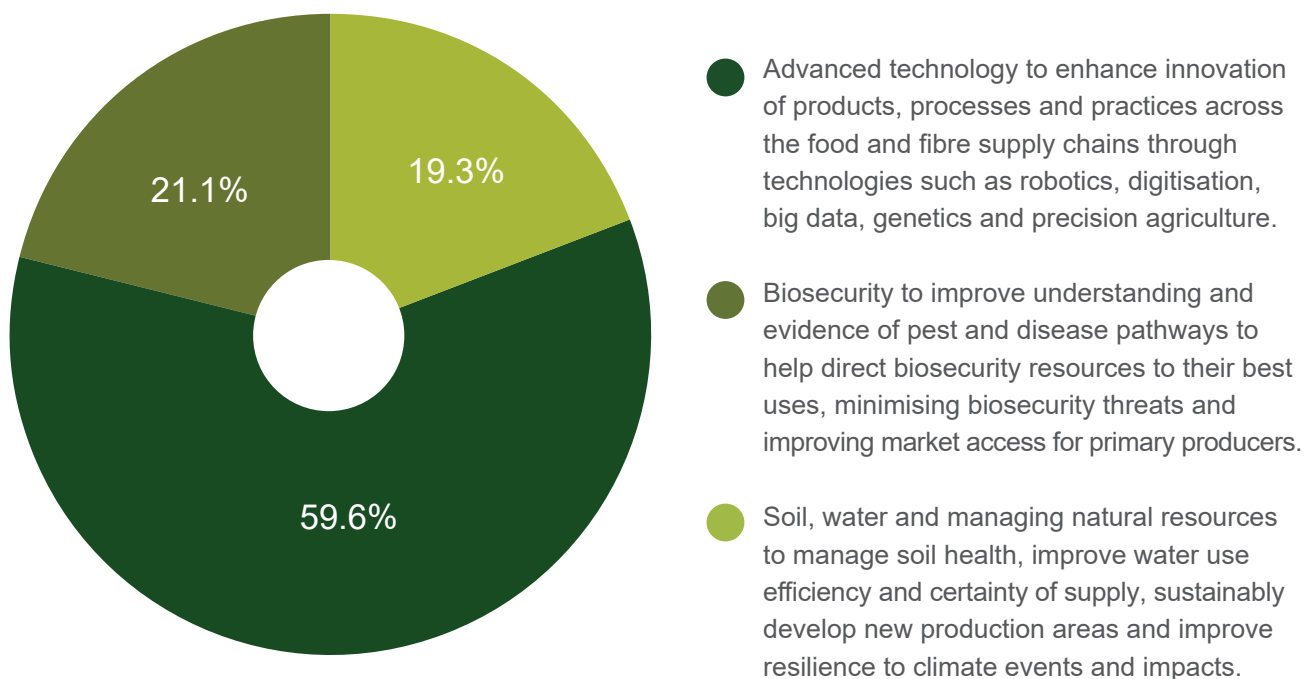
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National and rural research priorities

R&D expenditure against national research priorities.



R&D expenditure against rural research priorities



Matched levy-funded projects

Extension 1.1

| Project description Outcome 2 - WoodSolutions | Matched expenditure (\$) | Total project costs (\$) | Status as 30th June 2024 |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 100% Content Content production and InFocus video series to inform and educate the design and build sector of forest and wood products industry | \$45,000.00 | \$45,000.00 | Active |
| Adam Jones Podcasting Timber Talks Podcast - to educate, inspire and inform | \$56,982.17 | \$56,982.17 | Active |
| Architecture & Design Sponsorship of Sustainability awards and conference to educate and inform architects & designers 12 month contract | \$25,000.00 | \$25,000.00 | Active |
| Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council (AFAC) Sponsorship to educate and inform fire and emergency services | \$15,000.00 | \$15,000.00 | Complete |
| Australia Institute of Building Surveyors Sponsorship to educate and inform building surveyors 12 month contract | \$26,100.00 | \$26,100.00 | Active |
| Australian Institute of Architects Refuel Continuing Professional Development to educate and inform 12 month contract | \$15,000.00 | \$15,000.00 | Active |
| Australian Institute of Landscape Designers Sponsorship to educate and inform landscape architects 12 month contract | \$15,000.00 | \$15,000.00 | Complete |
| Australian Wood Review - Maker of the Year Awards Sponsorship to support woodworkers 12 month contract | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 | Complete |
| Bastion Insights Industry research | \$16,000.00 | \$16,000.00 | Complete |
| Carpentry Australia Sponsorship to educate and inform carpenters 12 month contract | \$6,500.00 | \$6,500.00 | Active |
| Design Institute of Australia Sponsorship to educate and inform interior designers 12 month contract | \$11,250.00 | \$11,250.00 | Complete |
| Design Matters Sponsorship to educate and inform building designers 12 month contract | \$20,000.00 | \$20,000.00 | Active |
| EFT Trust Education development on fire compliance | \$13,000.00 | \$13,000.00 | Complete |
| Engineers Australia Sponsorship of educational workshops for engineers 12 month contract | \$15,000.00 | \$15,000.00 | Complete |
| Frame & Truss Manufacturers Association of Australia Sponsorship of educational industry conference | \$3,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | Complete |
| Green Building Council of Australia Sponsorship to educate and inform design & build professionals 12 month contract | \$20,000.00 | \$20,000.00 | Active |
| HLS Productions Production of InFocus video series to inform and educate the design and build sector of forest and wood products industry | \$14,000.00 | \$14,000.00 | Active |

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Matched levy-funded projects

Extension 1.2

| Project description Outcome 2 - WoodSolutions | Matched expenditure (\$) | Total project costs (\$) | Status as 30th June 2024 |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Housing Industry Association Sponsorship of Greensmart Awards to educate and inform building industry | \$8,800.00 | \$8,800.00 | Active |
| Laurello WoodSolutions Project Portal website to inform design and build industry | \$9,000.00 | \$9,000.00 | Active |
| Legacy Engineering SA Development and presentation of technical education and information | \$5,300.00 | \$5,300.00 | Complete |
| Master Builders Australia Sponsorship to educate and inform construction professionals 12 month contract | \$12,500.00 | \$12,500.00 | Active |
| Technocrat WoodSolutions SpeciesSolutions APP and website management | \$64,000.00 | \$64,000.00 | Active |
| The University of Queensland World Conference on Timber Engineering Sponsorship to educate and inform design & build professionals | \$25,000.00 | \$25,000.00 | Active |
| Timber Consulting Expert Advice service WoodSolutions website | \$6,000.00 | \$6,000.00 | Active |
| Timber Development Association NSW & ACT Sponsorship Australian Timber Design Awards and technical education and consultation for the design and build sector 12 month contract | \$276,000.00 | \$276,000.00 | Active |
| Timber Offsite Construction Sponsorship of conference to educate and inform design and build professionals, industry and supply chain | \$7,500.00 | \$7,500.00 | Active |
| Timber Queensland Sponsorship and technical education for the design and build sector 12 month contract | \$7,700.00 | \$7,700.00 | Active |
| TimberED Services Pty Ltd Development of industry - educator workshop and network to share technical education and information | \$30,500.00 | \$30,500.00 | Active |
| TPC Solutions VIC Sponsorship and technical education for the design and build sector 12 month contract | \$98,500.00 | \$98,500.00 | Active |
| Weiss Insights Research and development of WoodSolutions strategy | \$117,500.00 | \$117,500.00 | Active |
| TOTAL | \$991,132.17 | \$991,132.17 | |

Completed project reports are available via the FWPA website

FWPA Members

As at 30 June 2024

FULL MEMBERS

A

A G Brown Sawmill Pty Ltd
ACT Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate – Departmental
Adam's Sawmill Pty Ltd
Agriwealth Contracting Pty Ltd
AKD NSW Pty Ltd
AKD Queensland Pty Ltd
AKD Victoria Pty Ltd
Albany Plantation Export Company Pty Ltd
Allied Timber Products Pty Ltd
Alpine Mdf Industries Pty Ltd
ANZFIF Sub 1 (Australia New Zealand Forest Investment Fund)
ANZFOF Sub1 (Australia New Zealand Forest Operating Fund)
Associated Kiln Driers Pty Ltd trading as A.K.D. Softwoods
Austral Plywoods Pty Ltd
Australian Bluegum Plantations Pty Ltd
Australian Solar Timbers
Australian Sustainable Hardwoods Pty Ltd
Australian United Timbers Pty Ltd
Australian Wood Panels Pty Ltd
AW Moran Sawmilling Pty Ltd

B

Baradine Sawmilling Co Pty Ltd
Bayswood Timber Wholesalers Pty Ltd
BBS Flooring Products Pty Ltd
Big River Group Pty Ltd
Birnam Forests Pty Ltd
Bluebat
Boral Timber Division
Borg Panels
Briggs Veneers Pty Ltd

Britton Bros Pty Ltd
Bunbury Fibre Exports Pty Ltd
Bunbury Fibre Plantations Pty Ltd
Bunbury Treefarm Project
Byjuke Partnership

C

Capital Battens Pty Ltd
Carter Holt Harvey Woodproducts (Central and Northern Regions) Pty Ltd
Carter Holt Harvey Woodproducts (Southern Region) Pty Ltd
Carter Holt Harvey Woodproducts Australia
Clockworkbovine
CMTP Pty Ltd
Cotswold Investments Pty Ltd

D

D&R Hendersen Pty Ltd (ForestOne)
D.M and L.A Pratt
D.S Fuller & L.R Fuller trading as Dale & Lindsay Fuller Partnership
Dale & Meyers Operations Pty Ltd trading as DTM Timber
Darren Bott
David Neville Calvert
Dindas Australia Pty Ltd
DMK Forest Products Pty Ltd

E

Endeavour Foundation trading as Nangarin Timbers
Enrights Sawmill
Ents Forestry Pty Ltd
Environmental Forest Farms Management Ltd

F

Fenning Investments Pty Ltd
Forest Products Commission (WA)
Forest Strategy Pty Ltd
ForestOne
Forestry Corporation
ForestrySA
Forico Pty Ltd
FourSquare Timbers Pty Ltd
Frostpine

G

G.L. & V.N. Barber Pty Ltd
Garry Davey Timber Cutting
George Fethers & Co. Trading Pty Ltd
Gippsland Logging & Earthmoving Pty Ltd
Green Triangle Forest Operating Sub Trust
Green Triangle Forest Products
Greensill Bros Pty Ltd
Gunnedah Timbers Pty Ltd
GW & NL Saunders Sawmill Pty Ltd

H

Hallmark Oaks Pty Ltd
Hancock Victorian Plantations Pty Ltd (HVP)
Henson Sawmilling Pty Ltd
Hexan Holdings Pty Ltd trading as Whiteland Milling
Highland Pine Products Pty Ltd
HQPlantations Pty Ltd
Hume Forests Limited
Hurford Sawmilling Pty Ltd
Hurford Wholesale Pty Ltd
Hyne Timber

I

Injune Cypress
Intech Operations Pty Ltd trading as Mucherts Sawmill (QLD)
Ironwood Taree Pty Ltd
ITI (NSW) Pty Ltd
ITI (Queensland) Pty Ltd

ITI (SA) Pty Ltd
ITI (Victoria) Pty Ltd
ITI (WA) Pty Ltd

J

J Notaras & Sons Pty Ltd
J Wright & Sons Pty Ltd
Jarrah Select Pty Ltd
Jarrahwood Australia Pty Ltd
Jeff and Lilian Ang
Jelfor Timbers Pty Ltd
Jetstar Enterprises Pty Ltd trading as Permapole
John Cook & Sons Pty Ltd

K

Kangaroo Island Plantation Timbers
Kilner Creek Company Trust
Koppers Wood Products Pty Ltd
KSI Sawmills Pty Ltd

L

LA & KE Barnett
LM Hayter & Sons Pty Ltd
Lormier Timber Pty Ltd trading as Davids Timber
Lotus Oaks Pty Ltd
Luxury Home Solutions Trading as OZLVL

M

Machin's Sawmill Pty Ltd
Mathews Timber Pty Ltd
McCormack Demby Timber Pty Ltd
McDonnell Industries Pty Ltd
McKay Timber
Meyer Timber Pty Ltd
Middlesex Mill Pty Ltd
Midway Limited
Millmerran Timbers Pty Ltd
Montana Timber Holdings Ltd
Moran Logging Company Pty Ltd
Morgan Sawmill Jamestown
MRG Connections Pty Ltd

N

Nannup Timber Processing (NTP)

New Forests Asset Management Pty Ltd (ABN 42 114 545 283) trading as The Trust Company (Australia) Ltd (ABN 21 000 000 993)

NLG Timber Pty Ltd

Norske Skog Paper Mills (Australia) Ltd

NSFP Smartfibre Pty Ltd

O

Onefortyone Plantations Pty Ltd

OneFortyOne Wood Products

Oregon Sales Pty Ltd trading as Timbeck Architectural

P

Palletco SA Pty Ltd

Parkside Building Supplies Pty Ltd

Parkside Milling Pty Ltd

Penrose Pine Products Pty Ltd

Pentarch Forest Products Pty Ltd

Planet Timbers (WA) Pty Ltd

Porta Mouldings Pty Ltd

Portland Pine Products

Private Forestry Service Queensland

Q

Queensland Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

R

Radial Timber Australia

Ravenshoe Timbers Pty Ltd

Redmond Sawmill

Regional & Rural

Reliance Forest Fibre

Ridgewood Timber Pty Ltd

Ryan & McNulty Pty Ltd

S

S A Relf & Sons Pty Ltd

SA Pine Pty Ltd

Sarawood (Aust)

Schiffke Sawmill Pty Ltd

SFM Environmental Solutions

Shield Resources Pty Ltd

Simmonds Lumber Pty Ltd

South East Fibre Exports Pty Ltd

South East Pine Sales Pty Ltd

Southern Pacific Fibre

Stora Enso Australia Pty Ltd

Sustainable Timber Tasmania

T

Ta Ann Tasmania Pty Ltd

Tarmac Sawmilling Pty Ltd

TASCO trading as Dongwha Timbers Pty Ltd

Tasman KB Pty Ltd

The Hesmat Unit Trust

The Laminex Group

The Timber Treaters Trust

The Trustee for Dowling Contractors Trust trading as Barbers Sawmill

Tilling Timber Pty Ltd

Timberlands Pacific Pty Ltd

Timberlink Australia

Timothy J Mitchell

Towers Timber trading as Wambenger

Treated Pine Distributors trading as Waverly Consulting

U

Urgenty Pty Ltd trading as Mary Valley Timbers

V

Ventech Australia

VicForests

VIDA Wood Australia Pty Ltd

Visy Pulp & Paper Pty Ltd

W

WA Chip & Pulp Co Pty Ltd
Wade Sawmill Pty Ltd
Weathertex Pty Ltd
Wesbeam Pty Ltd
Wespine Industries Pty Ltd
Western Junction Sawmill
Whiteheads Timber Sales Pty Ltd
Wild Partnership
Williams Timber Pty Ltd
Wilton Logging Pty Ltd
Woodhouse Timber Company Pty Ltd
Woodpanels International Pty Ltd
Wright Forest Products Pty Ltd

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

A

A E Girle & Sons
AG Trusses
Agrotech Automation Pty Ltd
Andre Augusto Avino
Arxada
ATS Building Products
Australasian Timber Flooring Association
Australian Forest Contractors Association
Australian Forest Products Association
Australian Timber Importers Federation

B

Biomass Heating Australia
BIS Shrapnel Pty Ltd

D

Dellow Corporation Pty Ltd trading as Curvwood

E

Egger Australasia Pty Ltd
Everist Timber Pty Ltd
Explore

F

Fingal Pastoral Pty Ltd
ForestPHD Pty Ltd
Frame & Truss Manufacturers Association of Australia Ltd (FTMA)

G

Greenvalley Pty Ltd
Greenwood Strategy Solutions Pty Ltd

H

Hume Plasterboard Pty Ltd

I

IMEMS Pty Ltd trading as IMEMS Environmental

K

Keith Timber Group
Kennedys Classic Aged Timbers Pty Ltd
Koppers Performance Chemicals Australia
Kurrumbene Agribusiness

L

Learn by Nature
Lendlease DesignMake Pty Ltd
Lonza Wood Protection trading as Arch Wood Protection (Aust) Pty Ltd

M

Margules Groome Consulting
Marshall Pine
McInnes International Pty Ltd
Merriwa Timbers
Multinail Australia Pty Ltd

N

National Building Supplies Group Pty Ltd

O

Omega Consulting

P

Paper Australia Pty Ltd
Paxton Musical Instruments
Pollard's Sawdust Supplies
Poyry Management Consulting
Programmed Timber Supplies (Australia) Pty Ltd
Pryda

R

Regional Development Australia Limestone Coast Incorporated
Responsible Wood
Rodpak
Rothoblaas SRL

S

Siempelkamp Pty Ltd
Simpson Strong-Tie
Springwood Resources Australia Pty Ltd
Stephen Mitchell Associates
Sumitomo Forestry Australia Pty Ltd
Sumitomo Australia Pty Ltd
Sylva Systems Pty Ltd

T

The Timber Preservers Association of Australia
Timber Development Association. (NSW) Ltd
Timber & Building Materials Association (Aust.) Ltd
Timber Central
Timber Corporation Pty Ltd
Timber Insight Pty Ltd
Timber Merchants Association (Victoria)
Timber Queensland Ltd
Timber Trade Industrial Association
TWS Project Partners

V

Victorian Association of Forest Industries

W

Wood Based Products Pty Ltd
Wood Beca Australia
Wood Products Victoria Ltd
Woodlands Pacific Consulting Ltd

X

XLam Pty Ltd

FWPA Revenue Sources 2023/24

FWPA receives the majority of its revenue from:

- Industry, through levies and voluntary project contributions
- The Commonwealth Government, through matching funding of levies and project contributions.

2023/24 FWPA revenue can be summarised as follows:

| | | |
|--|-------------|---------------------|
| Commonwealth and State Government Grants | | \$2,115,679 |
| Commonwealth Government Matching Contribution | | \$7,372,030 |
| General Levy Matching | \$3,559,021 | |
| R&D Levy Matching | \$1,017,637 | |
| Voluntary Contribution Matching | \$2,795,372 | |
| Industry Levies and Voluntary Contributions | | \$9,336,155 |
| Other Income | | \$595,242 |
| | | |
| Total Revenue | | \$19,419,107 |

For further detail, refer to the 'Financial Statements' section.

Financial Statements 2023/24

Forest & Wood Products Australia Limited
A.C.N 127 114 185
Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2024

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Directors' Report

Directors' Report

Directors present this report on Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited ("the Company") for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

Directors

During the reporting period, seven non-executive directors served on the Board. Six directors were Directors of the Company for the full financial year.

Election of Directors

According to the Company Constitution, FWPA's Board shall comprise between five and nine directors (excluding the Managing Director if so appointed) at least two of whom are non-member directors. After the first annual general meeting, directors, with the exception of the Managing Director (if appointed) who is an employee of the Company, are appointed on a rotational basis by the Company's voting members at the annual general meeting. The Company is now in a transitional period to the Annual General Meeting in 2028 to align all existing directors with the term of four years with a maximum of two consecutive terms. The Constitution was amended at an Extraordinary General Meeting held in May 2023 to include transitional provisions relating to incumbent directors from the previous term conditions of three years with a maximum of three consecutive terms. Under the terms of the amended Constitution, from the 2026 AGM Directors will be appointed for 4 year terms with a limit of 2 successive terms. Elections for Directors will be held every 2 years.

Board of Directors

The names of each person who has been a director during the year and to the date of this report are:

Mr Craig Taylor (Chair)

Ms Christine Briggs (term concluded at AGM)

Mr Stephen Dadd

Ms Katie Fowden

Prof Tony Arnel

Mr Nicholas Roberts

Ms Yvonne Pengilly

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Information on directors

CHAIR

Craig Taylor

Mr Taylor has over 40 years' management and consulting experience in primary industries, sustainable resource management, supply chain management, manufacturing, sales and marketing, mostly in the plantation forestry sector. He is a Director and Principal of The Fifth Estate Consultancy which works across the spectrum of the resources and primary production sectors. Mr Taylor provides advice to Australia's and New Zealand's largest forest and wood products companies covering strategy, business development and investment. After completing his BSc (Forestry) at the ANU, Mr Taylor worked as a professional Forester with the NSW Forestry Commission before taking on management roles with Boral Timber and Wesfi. Immediately before joining The Fifth Estate, he was a Vice President with Jaakko Pöyry Asia-Pacific. He is a Non-Executive Director of PF Olsen Limited (New Zealand), the largest independent forest manager in Australia and New Zealand, and Chair of Beyond Subsistence Pty Limited, a not for profit which undertakes forestry and agroforestry training and development with subsistence farmers and rural communities in Africa. He is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the Institute of Foresters of Australia.

Board additional responsibilities:

Member of Nominations and HR Committee, Chair of Growers Research Advisory Committee and a Member of the Director Selection Committee

NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Christine Briggs

Ms Briggs has a rewarding career of over 30 years in the forest and wood products industry, largely focussed on the Australian and New Zealand sectors, and with international experience in North America. She has held senior sales and marketing general management roles with major Australian timber manufacturing businesses such as CSR, Weyerhaeuser, Gunns, Timberlink and is currently at AKD. Her international experience includes time in the US, working with Weyerhaeuser Building Materials during 2003.

Ms Briggs' business executive experience covers strategic planning and business development, stakeholder engagement, sales & marketing excellence and supply chain development. In her current role with AKD, she advises the company on market positioning and the development and adoption of the strategic market direction for the business. Ms Briggs' qualifications include a Bachelor of Business with a Marketing Major from University of Technology, Sydney and Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD). Christine's maximum term (9 years) on the Board concluded at the AGM in October 2023.

Board additional responsibilities:

Member of the Nominations and HR Committee and Chair from May 2023 (concluded October 2023).

Stephen Dadd

Mr Dadd is an Executive Director of The Pentarch Group. Prior to joining Pentarch, he had an extensive career at Boral, where he worked for over 18 years in various executive roles, including Executive General Manager of the Timber business and head of the National Building Products Division. Before his time at Boral, he spent nine years as a Strategy Consultant with the Boston Consulting Group. Mr Dadd serves in several significant roles in the industry. He is a Chair and Director of Green Timber Technology (GTT), the Chair and Non-Executive Director of the Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA), the Chair of AFPAN-SW and the President of the Central West Forestry Hub. Additionally, he is a Director of Highland Pine Products (HPP) and a Councillor of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW. He holds a degree in Chemical Engineering and an MBA from the London Business School. He is also a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Board additional responsibilities:

Chair of the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Katie Fowden

Ms Fowden is the General Manager, Stakeholder Engagement for the Hyne Group, where a significant part of her role is partnerships and oversight of research and development, government liaison and public relations. She is also currently a non-executive director of Responsible Wood and advisor to the Queensland Government on both

the Biofutures Advisory Council and the Timber Industry Roundtable. Ms Fowden's background is in advocacy, government liaison, policy and corporate communications having held the role of Executive Director, Media and Corporate Communication with the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services prior to joining the timber industry. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Policy, majoring in Criminology from the University of Hull, UK, and more recently, became a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD).

Board additional responsibilities:

Member of the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee (concluded September 2023), Member of the HR and Nominations Committee (from October 2023), Chair of Director Selection Committee (from June 2024).

Prof. Tony Arnel

Prof. Arnel is an Industry Professor for the Built Environment at Deakin University and works in the Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment. Most recently he was the Global Director of Sustainability at Norman, Disney and Young, a Tetra Tech company. He is an expert in the built environment and has been a policy formulator and sustainability advocate for more than three decades working in government, capital city government and the private sector. He is a Life Fellow of both the Australian Institute of Architects and the Energy Efficiency Council of Australia. He is also a Life Fellow of the Green Building Council of Australia, a founding director and was chair between 2007-2012. During this time, he was also chair of the World Green Building Council (2008 – 2011). His current board appointments include ARBS Exhibitions Ltd (Chair) and the Deakin University School of Engineering (Chair). He is the immediate past President of the Energy Efficiency Council and a fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Board additional responsibilities:

Member of the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Nicholas Roberts

Mr Roberts has significant forestry and timber industry experience in Australia and overseas. He has been the Chief Executive Officer of Forestry Corporation, NSW's largest commercial forest manager, for more than ten years and was previously Managing Director of Weyerhaeuser Australia, a position he held for five years. He has been actively involved in industry associations including Chair of A3P.

Board additional responsibilities:

Member of the Nomination and HR Committee and Chair from October 2023.

Yvonne Pengilly

Ms Pengilly holds a Bachelor of Technology (Engineering) and has worked within the construction industry for the past 35+ years including roles as board member, assistant commissioner, managing director, regional manager, project manager, design manager and contracts administrator across project areas of trade contracting, client side project management, principal contractor, developer and government. These roles have encompassed a diverse range of projects including housing, hospitals, integrated hotel casino, airport, shopping centre, 5 star resort, multistorey residential projects and modular construction in both regional and metropolitan areas. During her career, she has worked with in all facets of the industry from family operated businesses to Tier 1 builders, and significant developers delivering high end resort developments and apartments. She is a registered open builder in Queensland and has held board positions with two state regulatory authorities in Queensland, along with being Chair of the Building Regulators Forum supporting the Building Ministers forum to respond to the Building Confidence Report recommendations. She was awarded Master Builders Qld (MBQ) State Woman In Construction 2013 and used this platform to found Women In Construction FNQ, which successfully promotes engagement with engineers, architects and builders in Far North Queensland through educational events.

Board additional responsibilities:

Member of the Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee.

COMPANY SECRETARY

Dr Chris Lafferty

Dr Lafferty joined FWPA in March 2002. As Head of Research, Development & Extension, he is responsible for implementing FWPA's policy of supporting R&D projects across the entire forest and wood products value chain.

Dr Lafferty was appointed Company Secretary in February 2009.

Board committees

Board committees ensure appropriate management and review of company operations and make certain that investments are adequately evaluated and deliver outcomes to Company Members and other stakeholders. The Board Committees are: Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee, and Nominations and Human Resources Committee. All Committee members listed below were members of the Committee for the entire year, unless otherwise specified.

Finance, Audit and Risk Management Committee (FARMC)

Members:

Mr Stephen Dadd (Chair)

Prof Tony Arnel

Ms Katie Fowden (concluded September 2023)

Ms Yvonne Pengilly

Secretariat support to the FARM Committee is provided by the company's Head of Finance.

The key tasks of the Audit, Finance and Risk Management Committee are to:

- Ensure prudent management of the Company's finances; ensure the Board makes informed decisions regarding the Company's overall expenditures; ensure activities approved by the Board are consistent with Australian law relating to prudent financial management; and provide a general overview of the Company's financial management.
- Liaise with FWPA's auditors; review the adequacy of internal controls and of compliance with relevant laws, regulations, policies and procedures; report to the Board on the adequacy of audit procedures; and promote accurate, high quality and timely disclosure of financial and other information to the Board and key stakeholders.

Nominations and Human Resources Committee (N&HRC)

Members:

Mr Craig Taylor (Chair to May 2023)

Ms Christine Briggs (Chair from May 2023) –
(concluded September 2023)

Mr Nicholas Roberts (Chair from October 2023)

Ms Katie Fowden (Member from October 2023)

The Committee secretariat is an external contractor.

The key tasks of the Nominations and Human
Resources Committee are:

- Ensuring human resources policies, procedures, and systems support the Board's organizational capacity and culture.
- Overseeing the Board's performance, director development, selection, and succession planning.
- Considering, approving, and recommending organizational structures, resources, cultural and educational programs, policies, systems, and procedures to the Board.
- Monitoring and reporting on various aspects such as Board performance, human resources and OH&S systems, organizational culture indicators, remuneration benchmarks, and significant OH&S incidents.

Board meetings

During the reporting period the Board held five meetings. Details of attendance by individual Board members are provided below:

| DIRECTOR | BOARD | | FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE | | NOMINATIONS AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE | | LENGTH OF SERVICE |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Meetings attended | Meetings eligible to attend | Meetings attended | Meetings eligible to attend | Meetings attended | Meetings eligible to attend | Years |
| Mr Craig Taylor | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Ms Christine Briggs | 1 | 2 | | | | | 9 |
| Mr Stephen Dadd | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | 9 |
| Ms Katie Fowden | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Prof Tony Arnel | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | 8 |
| Mr Nick Roberts | 5 | 5 | | | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Ms Yvonne Pengilly | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | | | 3 |

Principal activities

The principal activities of the FWPA during the financial year comprised:

- Providing research, development and extension services to support the Australian forest and wood products industry; and
- Providing domestic marketing and promotion services for the Australian forest and wood products industry.

Significant changes in state of affairs

There have been no significant changes in the nature of operations during the period. In March 2023 the company adopted its Strategic Plan for 2023 – 2028. FWPA has previously operated under a rolling 5-year strategic plan from 2009. FWPA's new Strategic Plan took full effect from 1 July 2023.

Mission

FWPA collaborates with government and industry to deliver transformative RD&E initiatives and market development programs to drive growth in the Australia forest and wood products industry.

Outcomes – under its 2023 – 28 Strategic Plan

FWPA will deliver the following outcomes;

- Consumers – Improve perceptions of forest and wood products through the development and promotion of their economic, environmental and social advantages.
- Supply chain customers – Increase the demand for, and value of, wood products in the built environment and industrial markets.
- Growers and processors – Improve the resource base, reduce risk and increase productivity and utilisation along the value chain.
- Industry capability – Attract people to the industry and enhance workforce capability and decision making.
- High performance service delivery – Provide leadership as the industry services company.

Results of operations

The operating result for the financial year to 30 June 2024 was an operating surplus of \$28,061 (2023: \$91,969 operating deficit).

Significant events after the reporting date

No matters or circumstances have arisen since the end of the financial year which in the opinion of the Directors have significantly affected or are likely to affect significantly the operations of the company, the results of those operations, or the state of affairs of the company in subsequent financial years.

Code of conduct

The FWPA Code of Conduct requires the Board and all staff to promote high standards of ethics and integrity. The language, attitudes and actions of directors, senior management and staff must reflect the principles of integrity and ethics, as well as the company's values and culture.

The Code of Conduct recognises that FWPA's employees are vital to the fulfilment of the Company's purpose and, consequently, the highest level of staff satisfaction, health and safety must be maintained. It also encourages directors and staff to commit to the philosophy of continuous improvement at the corporate and individual levels.

Conflict of interest and register of interest

A director must disclose an interest wherever he or she considers there is a potential perceived conflict of interest and a Declaration of Directors' Interests is a standing agenda item for all Board meetings.

Members' Guarantee

The Company is limited by guarantee. If the Company is wound up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$1 each towards any outstanding obligations of the Company. The total amounts that members of the company are liable to contribute if the company is wound up is \$189, based on 189 current ordinary members.

Risk management, fraud control and business recovery

The company has risk management, business recovery and fraud control plans in place. The Updated Employee Handbook (re-issued February 2024) includes FWPA's Human Resource Policy and Procedures, Work Health Safety and a Corruption and Fraud Control Policy, a Whistleblower Policy and a Policy and Procedure manual.

Auditor's independence declaration

A copy of the Auditor's Independence Declaration as required under s.60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 is included in page 8 of this financial report and forms part of the Directors' Report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.

Craig Taylor, Chair
19 September 2024

Stephen Dadd, Chair Finance, Audit and
Risk Management Committee
19 September 2024



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Auditors Independence Declaration under Section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012

As lead auditor for the audit of the financial report of Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited for the year ended 30 June 2024, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- (i) the auditor independence requirements of the Australian Professional accounting bodies; and
- (ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

RSM AUSTRALIA PARTNERS

WARWICK JA SPARGO
Partner

Dated: 23 September 2024
Melbourne, Victoria

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Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 30 June 2024

| | | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|------|---------------|-----------------|
| | Note | \$ | \$ |
| Revenue | 3 | 19,419,107 | 17,918,902 |
| Interest revenue calculated using the effective interest method | | 276,706 | 264,285 |
| Consumers | 4(a) | (1,482,884) | (2,292,975) |
| Supply Chain Customers | 4(b) | (2,090,646) | (3,160,481) |
| Growers & Processors | 4(c) | (4,332,226) | (3,857,738) |
| Industry Capacity & Decision Making | 4(d) | (1,311,715) | (1,236,962) |
| High Performance Service Delivery | 4(e) | (2,057,357) | - |
| Voluntary contribution programs | 4(f) | (5,590,745) | (5,080,252) |
| Government grant programs | 4(g) | (2,115,679) | (2,276,441) |
| Grower research contribution programs | 4(h) | (607,722) | (370,307) |
| Other industry contribution Programs | 4(i) | (78,778) | - |
| Net surplus / (deficit) | | 28,061 | (91,969) |
| Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax | | - | - |
| Total comprehensive income / (loss) for the year attributable to the members of Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited | | 28,061 | (91,969) |

The above Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2024

| | | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Note | \$ | \$ |
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 5 | 3,683,994 | 1,659,673 |
| Trade and other receivables | 6 | 6,986,771 | 4,782,195 |
| Financial assets | 7 | 117,752 | 5,547,690 |
| Total current assets | | 10,788,517 | 11,989,558 |
| Non-current assets | | | |
| Furniture and equipment | 8 | 1,262,609 | 112,342 |
| Total non-current assets | | 1,262,609 | 112,342 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | | 12,051,126 | 12,101,900 |
| LIABILITIES | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Trade and other payables | 9 | 4,014,292 | 3,137,826 |
| Provisions | 10 | 341,055 | 336,189 |
| Contract liabilities | 11 | 2,487,221 | 4,575,351 |
| Lease liabilities | 12 | 84,034 | 89,267 |
| Total current liabilities | | 6,926,602 | 8,138,633 |
| Non-current liabilities | | | |
| Provisions | 10 | 31,464 | 51,540 |
| Lease liabilities | 12 | 1,153,272 | - |
| Total non-current liabilities | | 1,184,736 | 51,540 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | 8,111,338 | 8,190,173 |
| NET ASSETS | | 3,939,788 | 3,911,727 |
| EQUITY | | | |
| Retained surplus | | 3,939,788 | 3,911,727 |
| TOTAL EQUITY | | 3,939,788 | 3,911,727 |

The above Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Changes in Equity

For the year ended 30 June 2024

| | | | Retained surplus | Total |
|---|--|--|---------------------|------------------|
| | | | \$ | \$ |
| Balance at 1 July 2022 | | | 4,003,696 | 4,003,696 |
| Net surplus for the year after income tax | | | (91,969) | (91,969) |
| Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax | | | - | - |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | | (91,969) | (91,969) |
| Balance at 30 June 2023 | | | <u>3,911,727</u> | <u>3,911,727</u> |
| | | | | |
| Balance at 1 July 2023 | | | 3,911,727 | 3,911,727 |
| Net surplus for the year after income tax | | | 28,061 | 28,061 |
| Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax | | | - | - |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | | 28,061 | 28,061 |
| Balance at 30 June 2024 | | | <u>3,939,788</u> | <u>3,939,788</u> |

The above Statement of Changes in Equity should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended 30 June 2024

| | | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Note | \$ | \$ |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | |
| Receipts from members and government | | 15,354,174 | 15,712,911 |
| Payments to suppliers and employees | | (18,930,041) | (18,226,799) |
| Interest received | | 276,060 | 258,544 |
| Net cash provided by / (used in) operating activities | 13 | (3,299,807) | (2,255,344) |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | |
| Acquisition of furniture and equipment | | (17,188) | (10,900) |
| Proceeds from / (Investments in) of financial assets | 7 | 5,430,583 | 3,800,000 |
| Net cash provided by / (used in) investing activities | | 5,413,395 | 3,789,100 |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | | |
| Repayment of lease liabilities | | (89,267) | (106,659) |
| Net cash provided by / (used in) financing activities | | (89,267) | (106,659) |
| Net increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | | 2,024,321 | 1,427,097 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year | | 1,659,673 | 232,576 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year | 5 | 3,683,994 | 1,659,673 |

The above Statement of Cash Flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to the Financial Statements

30 June 2024

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

a) General information

The financial statements cover Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited as an individual entity. The financial statements are presented in Australian dollars, which is Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited's functional and presentation currency.

Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited is a not-for-profit unlisted public company limited by guarantee.

The financial statements were authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 11th September 2024. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial statements.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

b) New or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The company has adopted all of the new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

Any new or amended Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

c) Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards - Simplified Disclosures issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012 ("ACNC Act").

The financial report, except for the cash flow information, has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historical costs, modified where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

Critical accounting estimates

The preparation of the financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 2.

d) Revenue recognition

The company recognises revenue as follows:

Revenue from contracts with customers

Revenue is recognised at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company is expected to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer. For each contract with a customer, the company: identifies the contract with a customer; identifies the performance obligations in the contract; determines the transaction price which takes into account estimates of variable consideration and the time value of money; allocates the transaction price to the separate performance obligations on the basis of the relative stand-alone selling price of each distinct good or service to be delivered; and recognises revenue when or as each performance obligation is satisfied in a manner that depicts the transfer to the customer of the goods or services promised.

Variable consideration within the transaction price, if any, reflects concessions provided to the customer such as discounts, rebates and refunds, any potential bonuses receivable from the customer and any other contingent events. Such estimates are determined using either the 'expected value' or 'most likely amount' method. The measurement of

d) Revenue recognition (continued)

variable consideration is subject to a constraining principle whereby revenue will only be recognised to the extent that it is highly probable that a significant reversal in the amount of cumulative revenue recognised will not occur. The measurement constraint continues until the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is subsequently resolved. Amounts received that are subject to the constraining principle are recognised as a refund liability.

Industry contributions (levies)

Industry contributions (levies) are recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and from State Growers.

Matching

Commonwealth matching and Voluntary matching revenue is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.

Government grants

Before recognising funding from government grants as revenue the Entity assesses whether there is a contract that is enforceable and has sufficiently specific performance obligations in accordance with AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers. When both these conditions are satisfied, the Entity:

- identifies each performance obligation relating to revenue under the contract/agreement
- determines the transaction price
- recognises a contract liability for its obligations under the agreement
- recognises revenue as it satisfies its performance obligations, at the point in time or over time when services are rendered.

Where the contract is not enforceable and/or does not have sufficiently specific performance obligations, the Entity applies AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities.

Grant revenue with sufficiently specific performance obligations is recognised over time as the performance obligations specified in the underlying agreement are met. Where performance obligations are not sufficiently specific, grants are recognised on the earlier of receipt or when an unconditional

right to receipt has been established. Grants relating to capital projects are generally recognised progressively as the capital project is completed.

Interest

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

Other income

Other income is recognised when it is received or when the right to receive payment is established.

e) Current and non-current classification

Assets and liabilities are presented in the statement of financial position based on current and non-current classification.

An asset is current when: it is expected to be realised or intended to be sold or consumed in normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is expected to be realised within twelve months after the reporting period; or the asset is cash or cash equivalent unless restricted from being exchanged or used to settle a liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period. All other assets are classified as non-current.

A liability is current when: it is expected to be settled in normal operating cycle; it is held primarily for the purpose of trading; it is due to be settled within twelve months after the reporting period; or there is no unconditional right to defer the settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting period. All other liabilities are classified as non-current.

e) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

f) Trade and other receivables

Receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any allowance for expected credit losses.

g) Furniture and equipment

Each class of furniture and equipment is carried at historical cost, less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attribute to the acquisition of the items.

Purchases of furniture and equipment are recognised initially at historical cost, except for purchases costing less than \$1,500, which can be expensed in the year of acquisition (other than where they form part of a group of similar items which are significant in total). For control purposes, assets with a useful life of more than one period can be capitalised to assist in the compilation of a complete listing of Company equipment and chattels.

Depreciation

The historical cost of each fixed asset is depreciated over the useful life to the Company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

The useful life used for each class of depreciable assets are:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Furniture, fixtures & fittings | 10 years |
| Computer equipment | 2 years |
| Fit-out & Improvements | Period of Lease |
| Office equipment | 2 – 4 years |

An item of furniture and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the company. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss.

h) Right-of-use assets

A right-of-use asset is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The right-of-use asset is measured at cost, which comprises the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for, as

applicable, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date net of any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs incurred, and, except where included in the cost of inventories, an estimate of costs expected to be incurred for dismantling and removing the underlying asset, and restoring the site or asset.

Right-of-use assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the asset, whichever is the shorter. Where the company expects to obtain ownership of the leased asset at the end of the lease term, the depreciation is over its estimated useful life. Right-of use assets are subject to impairment or adjusted for any remeasurement of lease liabilities.

The company has elected not to recognise a right-of-use asset and corresponding lease liability for short-term leases with terms of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets. Lease payments on these assets are expensed to profit or loss as incurred.

i) Impairment of non-financial assets

Non-financial assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value-in-use. The value- in-use is the present value of the estimated future cash flows relating to the asset using a pre-tax discount rate specific to the asset or cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Assets that do not have independent cash flows are grouped together to form a cash-generating unit.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains and losses are included in the statement of comprehensive income in the period in which they arise. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation reserve relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

j) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the Company during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

k) Contract liabilities

Contract liabilities represent the company's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer and are recognised when a customer pays consideration, or when the company recognises a receivable to reflect its unconditional right to consideration (whichever is earlier) before the company has transferred the goods or services to the customer.

l) Lease liabilities

A lease liability is recognised at the commencement date of a lease. The lease liability is initially recognised at the present value of the lease payments to be made over the term of the lease, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the company's incremental borrowing rate. Lease payments comprise of fixed payments less any lease incentives receivable, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, amounts expected to be paid under residual value guarantees, exercise price of a purchase option when the exercise of the option is reasonably certain to occur, and any anticipated termination penalties. The variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or a rate are expensed in the period in which they are incurred.

Lease liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The carrying amounts are remeasured if there is a change in the following: future lease payments arising from a change in an index or a rate used; residual guarantee; lease term; certainty of a purchase option and termination penalties. When a lease liability is remeasured, an adjustment is made to the corresponding right-of-use asset, or to profit or loss if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset is fully written down.

m) Employee provisions

Provision is made for the Company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period.

Short-term employee benefits

Liabilities for wages and salaries, including non-monetary benefits, annual leave and long service leave expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in current liabilities in respect of employees' services up to the reporting date and are measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled.

Other long-term employee benefits

The liability for long service leave not expected to be settled within 12 months of the reporting date are recognised in non-current liabilities, provided there is an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability. The liability is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date using the projected unit credit method. Consideration is given to projections of employee departures and periods of service.

Contributions are made by the entity to an employee superannuation fund and are charged as expenses when incurred.

Superannuation

Employees of the Company are members of the AustralianSuper, FirstWrap, Qsuper, HOSTPLUS, VicSuper, The Trustee for Apical Super Fund, Spaceship Super, Living Super, Panorama Super, CARE Super, Monjohn Superannuation Fund, UniSuper and Aware Super. Contributions are made to the Company employee superannuation funds and are charged as expenses when incurred.

n) Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made. If the effect is material, provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows using a current pre-tax rate that reflects, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

o) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities, which are recoverable from or payable to the ATO, are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed with GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority.

p) Income taxes

No provision for income tax has been raised as the Company is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

q) Rounding of amounts

The company is of a kind referred to in Class Order 98/100, issued by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission, relating to “rounding-off”. Amounts in this report have been rounded-off in accordance with that Class Order to the nearest dollar.

r) Economic dependence

Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited (FWPA) is dependent on the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry for a significant portion of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report, the Board of Directors has no reason to believe the Department will not continue to support FWPA.

2 Critical accounting judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events, management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates will seldom equal the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

Estimation of useful lives of assets

The company determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation charges for its property, plant and equipment. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, or technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

Impairment of non-financial assets

The company assesses impairment of non-financial assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the company and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions.

Employee benefits provision

As discussed in note 1, the liability for employee benefits expected to be settled more than 12 months from the reporting date are recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates have been taken into account.

Lease make good provision

The tenancy obligations for FWPA at 30 June 2024 onwards relate to its premises in Wellington Street, Collingwood. No Make Good Provision is relevant to FWPA other than hand over of premise in a condition reflective of acceptable regular wear and tear diminishment.

Incremental borrowing rate

Where the interest rate implicit in a lease cannot be readily determined, an incremental borrowing rate is estimated to discount future lease payments to measure the present value of the lease liability at the lease commencement date. Such a rate is based on what the consolidated entity estimates it would have to pay a third party to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset, with similar terms, security and economic environment.

Employee benefits expense and cost allocation policy

As discussed in note 1 critical accounting estimates and judgment, the costs for employee benefits expenses are allocated to outcomes as per our Cost Allocation Policy developed according to guidelines first described in the Statutory Funding Agreements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

30 June 2024

| | | | 2024 | 2023 |
|----------|--|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | | \$ | \$ |
| 3 | Revenue | | | |
| | Revenue from contracts with customers | | | |
| | Voluntary contributions | | 2,795,372 | 2,540,125 |
| | Government grant | | 2,115,679 | 2,276,441 |
| | Industry project contributions | | 78,778 | - |
| | Grower research contributions | | 607,722 | 370,307 |
| | | | 5,597,551 | 5,186,873 |
| | Other Revenue | | | |
| | <i>Industry Levies</i> | | | |
| | Processors | | 2,610,761 | 2,803,706 |
| | Importers | | 1,078,358 | 1,091,688 |
| | Growers | | 783,252 | 911,147 |
| | State growers | | 536,642 | 404,999 |
| | Grower - R&D | | 830,221 | 454,452 |
| | Penalties | | 15,049 | 18,902 |
| | | | 5,854,283 | 5,684,894 |
| | <i>Matching</i> | | | |
| | Matching | | 6,354,394 | 6,266,221 |
| | Matching - R&D | | 1,017,637 | 298,299 |
| | | | 7,372,031 | 6,564,520 |
| | Other income | | 595,242 | 482,615 |
| | Total other revenue | | 13,821,556 | 12,732,029 |
| | Total revenue | | 19,419,107 | 17,918,902 |
| | <i>Disaggregation of revenue</i> | | | |
| | The disaggregation of revenue from contracts with customers is as follows: | | | |
| | <i>Geographical regions</i> | | | |
| | Australia | | 5,597,551 | 5,186,873 |
| 4 | Outcome expenses | | | |
| | (a) Consumers | | | |
| | Consumer activities | | 1,242,171 | 1,462,290 |
| | Outcome support management | | 240,713 | 830,685 |
| | | | 1,482,884 | 2,292,975 |
| | (b) Supply Chain Customers | | | |
| | WoodSolutions activities | | 1,332,984 | 1,654,744 |
| | Building codes and standards activities | | 436,258 | 401,281 |
| | Outcome support management | | 321,404 | 1,104,456 |
| | | | 2,090,646 | 3,160,481 |
| | (c) Growers & Processors | | | |
| | Research and development activities | | 1,544,305 | 1,986,450 |
| | Grower R&D activities | | 2,035,274 | 380,384 |
| | Outcome support management | | 752,647 | 1,490,904 |
| | | | 4,332,226 | 3,857,738 |
| | (d) Industry Capacity & Decision Making | | | |
| | Statistic and economic activities | | 482,957 | 587,776 |
| | Forest education activities | | 206,681 | 222,545 |
| | Outcome support management | | 622,077 | 426,641 |
| | | | 1,311,715 | 1,236,962 |
| | (e) High Performance Service Delivery | | | |
| | Outcome support management | | 2,057,357 | - |
| | | | 2,057,357 | - |

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| | | | 2024 | 2023 |
|----------|---|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | | \$ | \$ |
| 4 | Outcome expenses (continued) | | | |
| | (f) Voluntary Contribution Program | | | |
| | Voluntary contribution project | | 5,590,745 | 5,094,609 |
| | Midrise program | | - | (14,357) |
| | | | 5,590,745 | 5,080,252 |
| | (g) Government Grant Program | | | |
| | National institute of forest products innovation | | 1,902,179 | 2,021,341 |
| | Other government fund project | | 213,500 | 255,100 |
| | | | 2,115,679 | 2,276,441 |
| | (h) Grower Research Contribution Program | | | |
| | Grower research project | | 607,722 | 370,307 |
| | | | 607,722 | 370,307 |
| | (i) Other industry contribution Program | | | |
| | Industry project contributions | | 78,778 | - |
| | (j) Employee benefits expenses* | | | |
| | Wages and salaries | | 2,259,704 | 2,112,730 |
| | Annual leave | | 33,358 | (49,268) |
| | Increase/ (decrease) to long service leave provision | | (48,568) | (29,306) |
| | Superannuation contributions | | 230,687 | 200,136 |
| | | | 2,475,181 | 2,234,292 |
| | * Employee benefits expenses were allocated into various outcome support management from 4(a) to 4(d) above as per cost allocation policy. This cost allocation policy being a critical judgment for the overheads of the company to the support and running of all the outcomes activities (reference Note 2). | | | |
| | (k) Matchable Expenses | | | |
| | Consumers | | 283,596 | 505,531 |
| | Supply Chain Customers | | 1,858,635 | 2,932,563 |
| | Growers & Processors | | 4,332,226 | 3,813,770 |
| | Industry Capacity & Decision Making | | 1,311,715 | 898,021 |
| | High Performance Service Delivery | | 1,487,812 | - |
| | Voluntary contribution projects | | 5,590,745 | 5,080,252 |
| | Levies and other not matchable expenses | | (120,667) | (101,098) |
| | | | 14,744,062 | 13,129,039 |
| | Matching include Growers R&D (total matchable divide by 2) | | 7,372,031 | 6,564,520 |
| 5 | Cash and cash equivalents | | | |
| | Cash on hand | | 200 | 200 |
| | Cash at bank | | 1,183,794 | 659,473 |
| | Short term bank deposits | | 2,500,000 | 1,000,000 |
| | | | 3,683,994 | 1,659,673 |
| 6 | Trade and other receivables | | | |
| | Trade receivables | | 5,018,159 | 3,686,759 |
| | | | 5,018,159 | 3,686,759 |

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| | | | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|--|------------------|--------------|------------------|
| | | | \$ | \$ |
| 6 | Trade and other receivables (continued) | | | |
| | Other receivables | | | |
| | Levies receivable | | 272,028 | 171,811 |
| | Prepayments | | 318,917 | 69,049 |
| | Voluntary contribution include Grower's | | 1,371,417 | 798,520 |
| | Other receivables | | 6,250 | - |
| | GST receivable | | - | 56,057 |
| | Total other receivables | | 1,968,612 | 1,095,436 |
| | Total trade and other receivables | | 6,986,771 | 4,782,195 |
| 7 | Other financial assets | | | |
| | Long term bank deposits | | 98,917 | 5,529,500 |
| | Interest receivable | | 18,835 | 18,190 |
| | | | 117,752 | 5,547,690 |
| <i>Note: Long term bank deposits have been transitioned into Short term bank deposits (Note 5) due to lower Term Deposit balance. Movement of Long term bank deposits between 2023 and 2024 reflected in Cash flows from investing activities (Statement of Cash Flows).</i> | | | | |
| 8 | Furniture and equipment | | | |
| | Office equipment | | | |
| | At cost | | 235,300 | 219,522 |
| | Less accumulated depreciation | | (209,997) | (196,063) |
| | Total office equipment | | 25,303 | 23,459 |
| | Improvements | | | |
| | At cost | | - | 92,551 |
| | Less accumulated depreciation | | - | (92,551) |
| | Total improvements | | - | - |
| | Right of Use Asset | | | |
| | At cost | | 1,237,306 | 387,766 |
| | Less accumulated depreciation | | - | (298,883) |
| | Total Right of Use Asset | | 1,237,306 | 88,883 |
| | | | 1,262,609 | 112,342 |
| (a) Movements in Carrying Amounts | | | | |
| Reconciliations of the written down values at the beginning and end of the current and comparative financial years are set out below: | | | | |
| | Right of Use Asset | Office Equipment | Improvements | Total |
| | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balance at 30 June 2022 | 78,880 | 32,674 | 128 | 111,682 |
| Additions | 106,659 | 10,900 | - | 117,559 |
| Depreciation expense | (96,656) | (20,115) | (128) | (116,899) |
| Balance at 30 June 2023 | 88,883 | 23,459 | - | 112,342 |
| Balance at 30 June 2023 | 88,883 | 23,459 | - | 112,342 |
| Additions | 1,237,306 | 17,187 | - | 1,254,493 |
| Depreciation expense | (88,883) | (15,343) | - | (104,226) |
| Balance at 30 June 2024 | 1,237,306 | 25,303 | - | 1,262,609 |

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| | | | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|--|----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | | \$ | \$ |
| 9 Trade and other payables | | | | |
| Trade payables | | | 1,764,365 | 1,518,350 |
| | | | 1,764,365 | 1,518,350 |
| Other payables & accruals | | | | |
| Audit fee | | | 44,500 | 23,000 |
| PAYG tax & FBT (BAS) | | | 90,772 | 81,406 |
| Accrued payable | | | 2,023,680 | 1,515,070 |
| GST payable | | | 90,975 | - |
| | | | 2,249,927 | 1,619,476 |
| | | | 4,014,292 | 3,137,826 |
| 10 Provisions | | | | |
| | | Annual Leave | Long Service Leave | Total |
| | | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Balance at 30 June 2022 | | 155,348 | 310,955 | 466,303 |
| Additional provisions | | - | - | - |
| Amounts used | | (49,268) | (29,306) | (78,574) |
| Balance at 30 June 2023 | | 106,080 | 281,649 | 387,729 |
| Balance at 30 June 2023 | | 106,080 | 281,649 | 387,729 |
| Additional provisions | | 33,358 | - | 33,358 |
| Amounts used | | - | (48,568) | (48,568) |
| Balance at 30 June 2024 | | 139,438 | 233,081 | 372,519 |
| | | | 2024 | 2023 |
| | | | \$ | \$ |
| Analysis of total provisions | | | | |
| CURRENT | | | | |
| Employee benefits - annual leave | | | 139,438 | 106,080 |
| Employee benefits - long service leave | | | 201,617 | 230,109 |
| | | | 341,055 | 336,189 |
| NON-CURRENT | | | | |
| Employee benefits - long service leave | | | 31,464 | 51,540 |
| | | | 31,464 | 51,540 |
| | | | 372,519 | 387,729 |
| 11 Contract liabilities | | | | |
| NIFPI grants | | | 1,384,313 | 3,159,387 |
| Voluntary and growers' funds | | | 116,508 | 129,530 |
| Other Government grants | | | 986,400 | 1,199,900 |
| Resilient Timber Housing | | | - | 86,534 |
| | | | 2,487,221 | 4,575,351 |
| 12 Lease liabilities | | | | |
| CURRENT | | | | |
| Lease liability | | | 84,034 | 89,267 |
| | | | 84,034 | 89,267 |
| NON-CURRENT | | | | |
| Lease liability | | | 1,153,272 | - |
| | | | 1,153,272 | - |
| Total lease liabilities | | | 1,237,306 | 89,267 |

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| | | | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----------|---|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| | | | \$ | \$ |
| 13 | Cash Flow information | | | |
| | Reconciliation of Cash Flow from operations with profit after income tax | | | |
| | Net surplus for the year | | 28,061 | (91,969) |
| | Depreciation, amortisation and impairments | | 104,226 | 116,899 |
| | Unwinding of interest on lease liability and make good provision | | - | 3,035 |
| | Unwinding of make good provision | | - | - |
| | Change in operating assets and liabilities | | | |
| | (Increase) / decrease in trade and other receivables | | (2,204,576) | (364,622) |
| | (Increase) / decrease in interest receivables | | (645) | (5,741) |
| | Increase / (decrease) in trade and other payables | | 876,466 | (49,389) |
| | Increase / (decrease) in provisions | | (15,210) | (78,574) |
| | Increase / (decrease) in contract liabilities | | (2,088,129) | (1,784,983) |
| | Cash flow from operating activities | | (3,299,807) | (2,255,344) |

14 Key management personnel compensation

Any person(s) having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited, directly or indirectly, including any director (whether executive or otherwise) of that entity is considered key management personnel.

The totals of remuneration paid to key management personnel (KMP) of the company during the year are as follows:

| | | | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|------------------------|--|---------|---------|
| | | | \$ | \$ |
| | Aggregate compensation | | 633,886 | 662,787 |

15 Remuneration of auditors

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by RSM Australia:

| | | | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|---------------|---------------|
| | | | \$ | \$ |
| | Auditing the financial statements | | 24,500 | 23,000 |
| | Other services | | - | 7,000 |
| | | | 24,500 | 30,000 |

16 Related party transactions

Key management personnel

Disclosures relating to key management personnel are set out in note 14.

Transactions with related parties

Various project expenditures were made to the following Director related entities. The Directors involved took no part in any relevant decisions of the Board. The Directors related to the various entities are listed next to them.

Receivable from and payable to related parties

There were trade receivables from or trade payables to related parties at the current and previous reporting date.

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16 Related party transactions (continued)

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|---------|---------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| Payment to related parties: | | |
| AFPA (S.Dadd) | 367,826 | 172,950 |
| Fire Protection Association Australia (Y. Pengilly) | - | 9,614 |
| Hyne Timber (K. Fowden) | - | 8,852 |
| <i>Note: R&D Project Contribution Costs of \$120,000 increased AFPA Related Party payments in 2024</i> | | |
| Income from related parties: | | |
| AKD Softwood (C.Briggs) | 26,418 | 18,992 |
| PF Olsen (C.Taylor) | 266,456 | 191,560 |
| AFPA (S.Dadd) | 11,889 | - |
| Current receivables: | | |
| PF Olsen (C. Taylor) | 166,962 | 156,642 |
| AKD Softwood (C.Briggs) | 16,553 | 8,123 |

Loans to/from related parties

There were no loans to or from related parties at the current and previous reporting date.

17 Contingent assets and contingent liabilities

There were no contingent assets and contingent liabilities as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

18 Amounts guaranteed

The Company has issued two Guarantee's with respect to an agreement for leased premises;

- A Bank Guarantee of \$29,500 in favour of Parkside Properties Pty Ltd with respect to an agreement for leased premises at Level 11, 10-16 Queen Street, Melbourne. The guarantee is held in term deposit with Commonwealth Bank of Australia. (Note- this Guarantee was returned in July 2024)
- A Bank Guarantee of \$69,417 in favour of 36 Wellington Services Pty Ltd with respect to an agreement for leased premises at Level 6, 36 Wellington Street, Collingwood. The guarantee is held in term deposit with Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

19 Operating Lease Commitments (non-cancellable)

The Company had no commitments for expenditure as at 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2023.

20 Project Commitments

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | \$ | \$ |
| By Maturity | | |
| Project Commitments | | |
| One year or less | 5,460,280 | 2,017,161 |
| From one to five years | 7,208,854 | 3,238,423 |
| | 12,669,134 | 5,255,584 |

21 Events after the reporting period

No matter or circumstance has arisen since 30 June 2024 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect the company's operations, the results of those operations, or the company's state of affairs in future financial years.

22 Company details

The registered office of the Company is:

Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited
Suite 6.03, Level 6, 36 Wellington Street
Collingwood Victoria 3066

Directors' Declaration

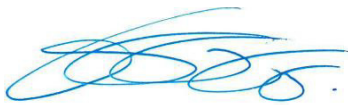
In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited, the directors declare that:

In the directors' opinion:

- the attached financial statements and notes comply with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012 ("ACNC Act"), the Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures, the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012 ("ACNC Act") and other mandatory professional reporting requirements;
- the attached financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
- there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of Board of Directors.

On behalf of the directors



Craig Taylor

Chair

Dated this on 19 September 2024



Stephen Dadd

Chair of Finance,

Audit and Risk Management Committee



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Forest and Wood Products Australia Limited ("the Company"), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2024, the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including material accounting policy information, and the declaration by those charged with governance.

In our opinion the accompanying financial report of the Company is in accordance with Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* ("ACNC Act"), including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 30 June 2024 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures under AASB 1060 *General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities* and Division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

Those charged with governance are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Company's annual report for the year ended 30 June 2024 but does not include the financial report and the auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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**Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report**

Management and those charged with governance are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Simplified Disclosures under AASB 1060 *General Purpose Financial Statements – Simplified Disclosures for For-Profit and Not-for-Profit Tier 2 Entities* and the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and for such internal control as management and those charged with governance determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management and those charged with governance are responsible for assessing the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Management and those charged with Governance and responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial report is located at the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

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