

TASMANIA FORESTRY HUB UPDATE

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SITUATION ANALYSIS

Tasmania's forest and wood products sector is primed for growth and transformation. To fully realise this potential and continue its significant contribution to Tasmania's economy, the industry will need to work collaboratively with government and complementary industries.

This situation analysis provides a starting point for that collaborative work. It presents an overview of the current state of play for the Tasmanian forest and wood products sector and details emerging opportunities and barriers. It considers a range of future potential scenarios and what they might mean for commercial and policy settings for the sector.

Read the report

www.tasforestryhub.com.au/resource



Mapping career pathways in the Tasmanian Forestry sector

Completed late 2023, this project was focused in identifying labour and skills shortages and pathways in Tasmania's forest and wood project sector.

It identified 12 high priority jobs right across the sector that were either 'hard to fill' or 'need more in the future'. Twenty additional roles were identified 'of concern' by participants.

Key themes identified as drivers for change over the next five to ten years:

- Technology + AI
- Alternative biomass uses
- Carbon + emissions
- Natural capital + biodiversity

Find out more at

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FORESTRY WORKFORCE TRAINING PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

A. Workplace Focussed

The Australian Government has appointed ForestWorks to deliver the Forestry Workforce Training Program. This includes 22 targeted projects to support the forest, wood, pulp, and paper industries in addressing specific VET challenges and structural impediments. These projects aim to identify long-term sustainable solutions for the industry to access essential training.

B. RTO Supported Capability Development

The program will be delivered by ForestWorks in collaboration with dedicated partners, working alongside industry stakeholders. To enhance engagement between the industry and the VET sector, a national network of trainers, assessors, and workforce development managers will be established.

C. Career Long Learning

ForestWorks invites stakeholder participation from all sectors within the forest, wood, pulp, and paper industries across Australia. Contact Program Manager, Georgiana Daian at gdaian@forestworks.com.au or 1800 177 001 to get involved or find out more.

D. Developing Critical Training Materials and Infrastructure

You can download the Scoping Study at www.agriculture.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/forestry-workforce-training-program-scoping-study.pdf

SUPPORT PLANTATION ESTABLISHMENT PROGRAM

The Australian Government is providing \$73.76 million (GST exclusive) in grant funding over four years from 2023–24 to 2026–27. Round 2 has now closed, with recipients announced by DAFF, and one Tasmanian recipient of funding for 154 hectares of softwood. Round 3 will be opening soon.

Information on this program can be found at www.agriculture.gov.au/agriculture-land/forestry/industries/support-plantation-establishment-program.

The Hub Steering Committee is comprised of the following industry representatives: Steve Whiteley (Chair); Shawn Britton (Deputy Chair); Darren Davis (Treasurer); Owen Hoffmann; Dr Elizabeth Pietrzykowski; Scott Freeman and Andrew Morgan.