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Industry supports common sense decisions on fire management

Victoria's peak independent forestry body, the Victorian Association of Forest Industries (VAFI) has welcomed the Victorian Government's decisions to increase fuel reduction burns, increase the number of fire-fighters and establish a new community bushfire warning system.

The VAFI CEO Philip Dalidakis said the industry welcomed these common-sense moves that would help save lives and protect rural communities.

"The timber industry strongly argued for these measures during the Bushfire Royal Commission and it is a welcome development that the Government has taken this advice," Mr Dalidakis said.

"Forest industries have the ability to play a major role in fuel reduction and other fire suppression activities and we expect the Government to work closely with the industry to establish ways in which this can be done."

Mr Dalidakis said the VAFI also supported the proposed changes to the fire services levy.

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