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Minister Walsh commits to timber industry future at VAFI Annual Dinner

Over 200 representatives from the forest and wood products industry, government, academia and media gathered in the Crown River Room in Southbank on Friday, 4 November for the Victorian Association of Forest Industries (VAFI) Annual Dinner.

VAFI CEO Lisa Marty said the night provided people with an opportunity to network and celebrate the achievements of the industry over the past year.

“We have a good story to tell: our products are the renewable, carbon friendly, environmentally sustainable choice,” Ms Marty said.

“The VAFI Annual Dinner is an opportunity for the industry to celebrate this message, share it with others and discuss the possibilities we have for a sustainable future.”

The keynote speaker was Victorian Minister for Agriculture and Food Security, the Hon Peter Walsh.

“We are absolutely committed to making sure we have a sustainable and profitable timber industry here in Victoria,” Mr Walsh said.

Hosted by 3AW’s Tony Leonard, the other speakers included VAFI President Bob Humphreys, CEO Lisa Marty, and John Welsford, Associate Principal at Pöyry Management Consulting.

The 2011 VAFI Sustainability Report — an overview of the progress made towards building a sustainable forest and wood products industry in Victoria — was also launched at the Dinner.

The event was made possible by its sponsors, which included the Victorian Department of Primary Industries, gT- Energy Technologies and First Super.