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VAFI WELCOMES TIMBER INDUSTRY STRATEGY

The Victorian Association of Forest Industries (VAFI) has welcomed the Victorian Government's new Timber Industry Strategy, announced today by the Victorian Minister for Agriculture, Joe Helper.

The VAFI Executive Director, Philip Dalidakis, acknowledged the importance of the strategy, saying it has come at a crucial time for the timber industry and its future direction.

"The Timber Industry Strategy has come at a significant stage of the industry's future development and we look forward to working closely with the Victorian Government to ensure a strong and vibrant industry outcome," Mr Dalidakis said.

"It is essential that the timber industry strategy deal with the issues of resource access and long term security at a level that is both economically viable and environmentally sustainable."

"The Victorian timber industry contributes significantly to the state's environmental, social and economic wellbeing and is the backbone of many rural and regional towns."

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