



**OUR
TIMBER**
EVERY DAY, EVERY COMMUNITY



VICTORIA'S TIMBER AND FOREST INDUSTRY

Victoria has a thriving timber and forest industry. It is an integral part of the fabric of this state, providing thousands of jobs, and producing products we need and use every day.

Timber harvesting in Victorian native forests is highly regulated, highly restricted, and carefully managed to take into account the environmental, social, cultural and economic values of the forest. The products that flow from the industry are underpinned by some of the best practices in the world.

Timber is a renewable, recyclable and sustainable resource. In Victoria, just four trees in every 10,000 are harvested from state forests each year – less than 0.04% of the total forested area. The industry in Victoria is an integrated supply chain, with both native forest and plantation timber.

The Victorian forest and wood products industry produces a wide range of product from high quality furniture, through to housing and fencing, all along the supply chain it contributes to economic activity in many other sectors supporting tens of thousands of jobs.

The forest and timber industry's impact threads throughout the Victorian community, supporting the states regional workforce through thousands of jobs, and further job creation. It is the lifeblood of many regional communities, sustaining their local economies and contributing to their social wellbeing.

Did you know the timber industry...

- Regenerates the forest area that is harvested each year
- Is becoming more efficient with our timber resource – utilising every bit of timber (including off-cuts and sawdust) to be made into a variety of timber products
- Continuously looks improves skills and training, and workplace health and safety measures for our workforce
- Assists with bushfire prevention and creating fire breaks across Victoria
- Assists to maintain and upgrade local roads in rural and regional areas

\$7.32b
Value of the
Industry

UP TO
50,000
Additional Jobs
Supported

20,000
Direct Industry
Employment

7.9mil
hectares
Total Forest
Area in Victoria

423,000
hectares
Area of Timber
Plantations in
Victoria