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Minister reinforces support for forest industry at DANA talks

Determined to maintain access to native timber resources

JOHN HALKETT

THE successful DANA Tasmanian forest and forest products conference in Launceston last week provided a perfect opportunity for 'local boy' Richard Colbeck to outline the federal government's position on the industry's future.

The Assistant Minister for Agriculture and Water, and minister responsible for forestry, highlighted the likely four times growth of timber product demand.

The senator emphasised the importance of carbon storage as an economic driver behind plantation investment and expansion and commented on the need to continue to work to build a social licence for the forestry sector.

Senator Colbeck voiced

“GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO TWO NEW RESEARCH HUBS



Conference keynote speakers... Greg McCormack, chair, AFPA, Senator Richard Colbeck, and Michael Barbara, associate director investment, New Forests.

strong support for a continuing native forest-based industry.

"I remain extremely determined to maintain access to native forest resources – you can't get a blackwood table from a pine plantation"

He said the government had an important role in working with the states

and territories, and forest industries, on developing and implementing national forest policy outlined in the national forest industries plan.

Senator Colbeck launched the plan in September in support of industry's goal of one billion new plantation trees over the next decade.

Senator Colbeck said the federal government

understood the true value of the forest industry and would continue to support the forestry sector so it could enjoy a strong and prosperous future.

"The forestry sector is truly vital to our regional communities, directly employing more than 70,000 people, most based in regional Australia," he said.

Senator Colbeck detailed the sales and service income of Australia's forest product industries that amounted to \$23 billion in 2016-17, while imports and exports of forestry products combined to create a record trade figure of more than \$8 billion in 2016-17.

"These impressive figures demonstrate the extent of growth and demand for Australia's wood products on home soil and globally," he said.

He added that with a total log harvest of more than

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33.1 million cub m in 2016-17, worth \$2.6 billion, the forestry sectors were making large contributions to both the Australian economy and regional and rural economies.

Senator Colbeck reconfirmed that in this year's Budget, \$20 million was allocated over four years to 2021-22 to support the implementation of industry plan.

"As part of the plan, we have committed to develop two additional centres of the National Institute for Forest Products Innovation," he said.

"These new centres will complement the research undertaken at the existing centres and they will collectively investigate innovation in areas such as forest management, timber processing, wood fibre recovery, advanced manufacturing and the bio-economy."

In his keynote presentation, associate director investment at New Forests Michael Barbara detailed the drivers

URGENT NEED FOR PLANTATION EXPANSION TO AT LEAST 400,000 HA



1/ Confering with Senator Richard Colbeck are Yuya Hikosaka and Yoshiharu Shimoda, both from WA Plantation Resources.
 2/ Conference catch-up... Marita Pierce-Indugula, group product development manager, Timberlink, and leading forest sector lawyer Carrie Follas, partner, Johnson Winter & Slattery.
 3/ In the Tasmanian corner... Steve Whiteley, CEO, Sustainable Timber Tasmania, Craig Jones, CEO, Forest Industry Association of Tasmania, Guy Barrett, Minister for Resources, Energy; Building and Construction, and his wife Kate, and Glenn Britton, chairman, Britton Timbers.

and impediments to institutional funds investment in plantation forestry activity and indicated solutions that might make Australia a more attracted investment destination as it expands its plantation base.

In a chilling, but timely presentation, Peter Zed, CEO, Omega Consulting (dubbed the 'prophet of doom'), clearly detailed the bleak picture of the future softwood timber supply in Australia.

Mr Zed again stressed the vital importance of measures to increase domestic timber supply and the urgency of plantation expansion of at

least 400,000 ha.

Expressing similar conclusions, Australia Timber Importers Federation general manager John Halkett highlighted current and likely future structural softwood shortages.

He said the solution lay in: "Tweaking plantation management, shortening rotation lengths and lifting yields; improving sawmilling technology aimed at increasing recovery and grade; reviewing the need for stress grading of structural timber; seeking additional

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structural softwood supplies, perhaps from Canada, Russia, and South Africa; and continuing to place emphasis on off-site manufacturing and establishing more softwood plantations with genetically-improved tree stocks."

Among the excellent presentations was a compelling address by Glenn and Shawn Britton traversing the history and future prospects for a native hardwood-based industry in Tasmania and implications and lessons for Australia more generally.

Also, an upbeat address by Paul Kremer, XLam Australia that detailed progress and opportunities



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“PROGRESS OF CLT PLANTS IN TWO STATES

relating to XLam's now operational CLT manufacturing facility in Wodonga was uplifting and well received.

Chris Skeels-Piggins, CLTP Burnie, gave a badge-of-courage outline on the progress of the CLT manufacturing plant at Burnie that relies solely on plantation grown Eucalyptus nitens.



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1/ Canberra colleagues... Neil Garbutt, assistant director, international forest policy, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, with Gavin Matthews, senior policy manager, AFPA.

2/ Colleagues catching up... David Geddes, managing director, Geddes Management, Peter Zed, CEO, Omega Consulting, Ron Adams former chairman, FWPA, and Steve Roffey, general manager, marketing and development, Midway.

3/ Great conference support... Komatsu Forests harvesting equipment specialists Michael Dent and Nigel Howard with director Brenton Yon (centre).



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Builders back fast tracking tax relief for small business

MORE than 370,000 building businesses will benefit from the federal government's decision to fast track tax relief for small and medium-sized businesses.

"This is great news for builders, including the many who are sole traders, and the economy," Master Builders Australia CEO Denita Wawn said.

"We have more small businesses in building and construction than any other sector of the economy and this is a heartland issue for builders," she said.



Denita Wawn... great news for builders.

"We have been very direct in calling for greater tax relief for these businesses and the government's move is absolutely the right thing.

Where eagles dare: Bunjil’s grid of glulam wins Grand Prix award

Architects, industry applaud presentations at ‘Star’ night

AUSTRALIA’S top architects and designers joined with timber industry luminaries at the internationally-acclaimed Star Pyrmont in Sydney on Tuesday to celebrate presentations in the 19th Australian Timber Design Awards.

A packed venue on the gala night applauded the Grand Prix award winner Bunjil Place, a community and civic building in the heart of the arts and entertainment hub in Melbourne’s southeast.

The centre, entered by architects Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp, is used as a library, performance theatre, a public gathering space, and exhibition, gallery and display centre.

The entrance foyer houses an impressive glulam timber grid shell that dominates and



Bunjil Place... the non-load bearing shell design was made from geometrically complex 3D forms.

defines the central atrium.

The architectural intent was for the timber grid shell to appear weightless as it touched the ground at two points, as a form of wings, protecting and sheltering the community, interpreting an eagle’s wings spread out.

The central theme was an

interpretation of two stories of the traditional owners and inhabitants of this land – ‘The Meeting of Many Paths’ and ‘Bunjil’, the Eagle.

The non-load bearing shell design was made from geometrically complex 3D forms which required a detailed form-finding

investigation to optimise the spatial model. As architecture, the building embraces new construction technology and innovation to express eternal and timeless themes.

The award, sponsored by Wood Solutions, was

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presented by Eileen Newbury, marketing and communications manager, Forest and Wood Products Australia.

The popular Peoples' Choice Award was won by Taylor and Hinds Architects for Krakani Lumi (place of rest), a standing camp located in the Mount William National Park) for the



1/ **The People's Choice... Krakani Lumi (resting place) by Taylor and Hinds Architects, a standing camp located in the Mount William National Park.**

Richard Francis Jones... design director at Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp, which won the overall Australian Timber Design Award for Bunjil Place. Richard studied architecture at the University of Sydney, receiving the University Medal for Architecture on graduation. He subsequently completed a Masters degree in architectural design and theory at Columbia University in New York. He is a registered architect in all Australian states and New Zealand and has led the design of many international competition and award-winning projects.



Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania.

The opportunity to vote

on this award was given to all visitors to the Australian Timber Awards website during August. All of this year's entries were displayed on the site, and each visitor was allowed the opportunity to make one selection only of their preferred project.

There were many votes cast before the voting system was locked down and the

winner found.

TDA winners are on Page 12. More reports and images from the gala presentations will appear in future editions of Timber&Forestry enews.

On the cover: Grand Prix winner in the Australian Timber Design Awards... Bunjil Place by architects Francis-Jones Morehen Thorp.
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19: Victorian Association of Forest Industries annual dinner – RACV Club, Melbourne. Tickets available from VAFI in July. Contact VAFI on (03) 9611 9000 or info@vafi.org.au

26: TABMA national industry dinner – Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sydney. Contact (02) 9277 3100 or visit www.tabma.com.au

26: Green Triangle Timber Industry Awards –The Barn, Mount Gambier. Nominations close 17 August, Green Triangle Timber Industry Awards dinner 26 October. For further information contact Prue Younger, event manager +64 (21) 2765484. For more information visit www.gttia.com

NOVEMBER

2: AFPA members’ forum and chamber meetings – East Hotel, Canberra. For further information see: www.ausfpa.com.au/

4-5: FIEA ForestTech 2018 – Rotorua, NZ.

20-21: FIEA ForestTech 2018 – Melbourne, Australia.

FIEA annual technology event for forest resource managers, remote sensing and GIS specialists and inventory foresters from throughout Australia and New Zealand. Visit www.foresttech.events

2: AFPA final members’ dinner for 2018 – Manuka Oval (Bradman Room), Griffith, Canberra. 6-10pm. Tel: 02 6285 3833. Note:

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27: Australian Timber Importers Federation Board (ATIF) meeting and AGM – Gunnensen Board Room,

Melbourne. For further information contact John Halkett by email: john.halkett@bigpond.com or mob 0417 421 187

MARCH 2019

2: AFPA board meeting and members’ dinner – Canberra. 6pm.

8: AFPA members’ forum and chamber meetings – Canberra.

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19: AFPA board meeting and members’ dinner – Canberra. 6pm.

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18-20: Timber Legality Research Symposium – University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark.
To be held in association with the Forests & Livelihoods: Assessment, Research, and Engagement network.
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23-27: 4th International Congress on Planted Forests – Nanning, Guangxi, China. Congress aims to investigate the contribution of planted forests to green development in the context of global changes. Topics will include the sustainability of planted forests in the context of changing climates and the future role of planted forests in bio-resources sustainability, environmental protection and green development.
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5-10: 54th Session of the International Tropical Timber

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8-9: 28th Global Forum on Forest Governance – Chatham House, London. Annual two-day event, previously known as the Illegal Logging Update & Stakeholder Consultation Meeting, will include sessions on conflict timber, the latest isotope technology to trace timber supply chains and updates on the Voluntary Partnership Agreements. For further information contact: Melissa MacEwen, Chatham House, Programme Coordinator, Energy, Environment and Resources, +44 (0)20 7314 3639 or mmacewen@chathamhouse.org

12-17: 2nd DANA 2-day Central America and Andes Forestry Sector Investment Conference – Cancun Mexico. With 2-day optional pre-conference field trip to teak and eucalyptus plantations; a large modern MDF mill in Villahermosa region; and a 2- day optional

post-conference tour to Mayan archaeological and recreational sites. For further information: www.danaevents.co.nz/2018mexico/

12-18: XI International Workshop on Uneven-aged Silviculture: Challenges for increasing adaptability – Valdivia, Chile. Uneven-aged silviculture is attracting increased interest due to its positive effects upon carbon sequestration, biodiversity, landscapes, and in its ability to provide a range of goods and services from managed forest ecosystems. Do uneven-aged forests have better options for adaptation to these future changes?
See: www.uas.uach.cl/2018
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JANUARY 2019

24: Mapping the Course: Timberland, Forest Products Processing, and Fiber Issues for 2019 – Vancouver, Washington, USA. The conference and optional workshop will provide an in-depth analysis on forest products market challenges, opportunities, and threats for 2019 in the North American West Coast timberland region. For further information see:

<https://westernforestry.org/upcoming-conferences/mapping-the-course-timberland-forest-products-processing-and-fiber-issues-for-2019>

MARCH

19-21: International Mass Timber Conference – Portland, Oregon. The largest gathering of cross-laminated timber and other mass timber experts in the world, with a special focus on manufacturing and mid-to high-rise construction. Over 1,200 experts from 22 countries attended in 2018. The conference will explore the supply chain for cross-laminated timber (CLT), nail-laminated timber, glulam beams and panels, mass plywood panels, dowel-laminated timber, and laminated veneer lumber; and the opportunities and obstacles for mass timber in global manufacturing and construction. See: www.masstimberconference.com/

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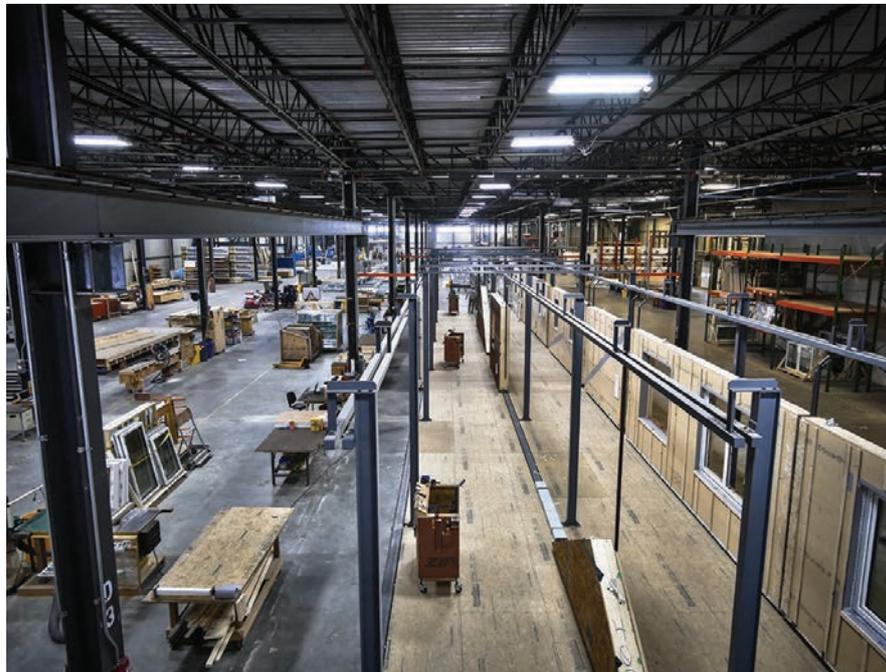
Global event confronts challenges of industrialised construction

AUSTRALIAN and New Zealand wood product entrepreneurs will be thick on the ground at the inaugural Industrialised Wood-Based Construction Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, next week.

IWBC is the first-ever event bringing the world's leading off-site wood-based, automated construction innovators together with architects, engineers, builders, planners and others interested in fast, affordable, high-quality construction

"This will be a great opportunity to network with leading innovators in off-site construction, software development, forest managers, green-tech leaders machinery and equipment manufacturers and renewable resources experts," said Kevin Ezard, who will scout for speakers and ideas for FRAME Australia next year.

Nick Milestone, chairman TRADA and managing director of the UK-based William Hare Group, who presented at FRAME Australia this year, Gary Caulfield, CEO, Xlam NZ, and Matthew Linegar, head of building systems, Stora Enso., will be among the speakers and delegates at the conference, which will



Revolution... modular, offsite construction is the way forward with modular start-ups getting the most funding in the tech building arena.

be held at the Seaport Hotel & World Trade Centre from October 24 to 26.

The world-wide construction labour shortage has made it obvious that the building industry, characteristically reticent to accept change, is ripe for a revolution.

The consensus seems to be that modular, off-site construction is the way forward resulting in modular start-ups getting the most funding in the tech building arena.

IWBC managing director Art Schmon said the world had waited decades for the very advancements and benefits embodied in the building techniques featured at the conference and trade exhibition.

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including the US – face an affordable housing crisis, while the existing housing industry has been unable to accommodate in time or at affordable prices,” Mr Schmon said.

“Part of the blame falls on construction’s abysmal productivity record, which lags far behind other industries, a problem particularly acute in the US.

“Compounding the problem is a world-wide lack of skilled labor. Demand chronically outstrips supply. The UK, already enduring a shortage of construction workers, could suffer the loss of an additional 175,000 EU workers under Brexit.

The US housing sector is short by 200,000 skilled workers and the shortage of framing crews has reached historic highs and is holding back the housing recovery.



Art Schmon...massive shortage of building labour.

“Australia, New Zealand, Japan and many other countries all face chronic labor shortages.”

Mr Schmon said innovative industrialised construction solutions and technologies were emerging around the world to meet these challenges.

The Boston conference will meet these challenges head on.

Art Schmon has more



Kevin Ezard... IWBC opportunity for Australia.

than 40 years’ experience with engineered lumber products. In the 70s and 80s, he co-managed the R&D, market research, commercial development and market roll-out for

“AUSTRALIA, NZ AND JAPAN FACE CHRONIC LABOUR SHORTAGES



Gary Caulfield... promoting XLam in Boston.

Canadian forest company MacMillan Bloedel’s \$150 million commercialisation of Parallam, made from bonded parallel wood strands.

As general manager of European operations for Trus Joist MacMillan, Mr Schmon managed the start-up and commercial development of the company’s European and Middle East operations, introducing LVL, PSL, LSL and I-joists to the European market.

IPPC report timely reminder on forests and climate change

RELEASE of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, ‘Global Warming of 1.5°C’, should serve as a timely reminder that Australia’s forest industries are providing a major contribution in the

fight against climate change.

“But they can do a lot more with the right government policy settings,” says AFPA CEO Ross Hampton.

Earlier this year, AFPA released ‘18 by 2030 –

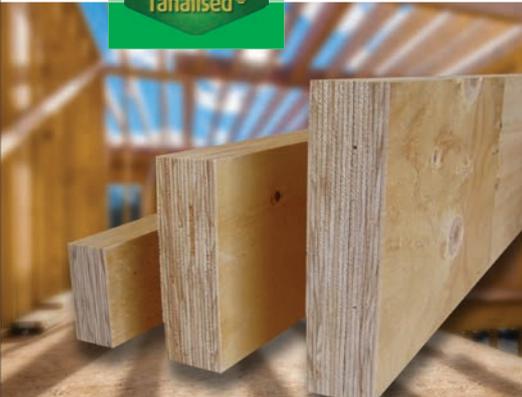
Forest industries help tackle Australia’s climate change challenge’, a strategy aimed at maximising the emissions reduction potential of the forestry sector.

The phrase 18 by 2030,

refers to the commitment that forest industries can remove an additional 18 megatonnes of CO2 equivalent each year from 2030, with the right government policy settings.



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Recycled Timber (*Kennedy's Timber*): Northshore Pavilion, O'Gorman Architect.

Sliced Decorative Timber Veneer (*Briggs Veneer*): Strongbuild head office, Fitzpatrick + Partners and Strongbuild.

Timber Cladding (*WeatherTex*): Barangaroo House, Collins and Turner Architects.

Timber Flooring (*Hurford Hardwood*): 102 The Mill, Carter Williamson Architects.

Timber Panels (*Engineered Wood Products Association of Australasia*): Freycinet Lodge Coastal Pavilions, Laminal Architecture.

Timber Veneer (*Timber Veneer Association of Australia*): Bunjil Place, fjmt.

Timber Windows & Doors (*Window and Door Industry Council*): Cabarita Park Conservatory, Sam Crawford Architects.

Residential Class 1 - New Buildings (*Carter Holt Harvey and TimberNSW*): Foredune House, Peter Stutchbury Architecture.

Residential Class 1 - Alteration or Addition (*Boral Timber*): Hatherlie, Andrew Simpson Architects.

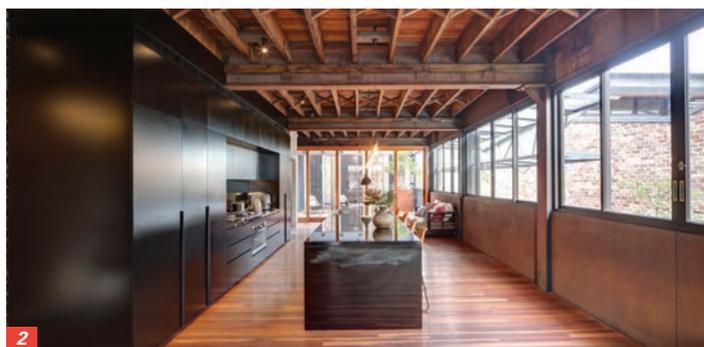
Public or Commercial (*XLAM*): Bunjil Place, fjmt.

Interior Fitout - Residential Class 1 (*Hurford Wholesale*): Roscommon House, Neil Cownie Architect.

Interior Fitout -



Sustainability Award winner... Aveo Norwest aged care and seniors living at Bella Vista, NSW, by Jackson Teece, TTW and Strongbuild.



1/ Winner of the EWPA Timber Panels Award... Freycinet Lodge Coastal Pavilions, Laminal Architecture. The inspiration for the architecture and interiors of the nine pavilions is influenced by the unique coastal setting in Freycinet National Park, Tasmania. Timber was selected as the most appropriate material for the structure and for the external and internal coverings. The pavilions reveal themselves on approach with charred red ironbark cladding forming a protective envelope, selected for its ember proofing, durable, natural and textural qualities. The interior walls are lined with Tasmanian Oak offcuts or differing thickness. Locally produced plywood was used for the floor and ceiling.

2/ The Timber Flooring Award, sponsored by Hurford Hardwood... 102 The Mill by Carter Williamson Architects. An old and well-used timber mill warehouse has been transforming into a generous, spatially interesting, and sophisticated home. The floor is in two parts – a new tongue and grooved grey Ironbark floor installed on the lower level while the existing timber floor has been retained on the upper levels of the house. Part of the original flooring, damaged in a fire in the 1980s, was reused as feature fencing in the first level courtyard.

Commercial (*ASH*): Strongbuild Head Office, Fitzpatrick & Partners.

Landscape (*Design Pine*): The Ian Potter Children's WILD PLAY Garden, Aspect Studios.

Standalone Structure (*Design Pine*): Northshore Pavilion, Anna O'Gorman Architect.

Furniture or Joinery (*Branch 95*): Melbourne Office Interior Arena Joinery, Himmelzimmer.

MERITS AWARDS

Small Budget (*Timber Architecture*): IMBY Kit, Adriano Pupilli Architects.

Rising Star (*Timber Revival*): Krakani Lumi, Taylor and Hinds Architects.

Innovative Structural Design (*Engineered Wood Products Association of Australasia*): Meyer Timber Warehouse, Nicholas & Alexander Architects and TGA Engineers.

Sustainability (*Make it Wood – Planet Ark*): Aveo Norwest, Jackson Teece, TTW and Strongbuild.

People's Choice (*Intergrain*): Bunjil Place, fjmt.

Overall Winner (*WoodSolutions*): Bunjil Place, fjmt

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Hearty cheers from the stands as minister kicks goal for plantings

Paul Toole secures \$71m to support NSW forest industry

ON a more positive note this time – credit where credit is due, I always say.

NSW Forestry Minister Paul Toole deserves a pat on the back. At a time, as I have said on several occasions, when the industry seems to be paralysed in relation to new plantation establishment, minister Toole has been able to secure \$71 million to support the forest industry in his state.

Of that amount, allocated in the last NSW budget, \$24 million has gone to the Forestry Corporation of NSW to stimulate new plantation establishment. Speaking to one of our Forestry Corp occasional visitors of the white-ute-bristling-with-aerials kind arriving to check up on our performance, I am pleased to say I usually get a tick.

Anyway, he says MD Nick Roberts had recently been down for a visit and had a smile on his face and spring in his step. He has never been out to the cutting edge of his domain, so to speak. A visit would be nice. Tea and scones if you give me prior warning Nick!

I know companies around here, like Visy and Hyne, are enthusiastic about Paul Toole's success, and are keen to work with Nick to see

“OTHERS MUST SUBSCRIBE TO SUPPORTING PLANTATION EXPANSION



1/ *New planting prospects... so now we might finally get some new forest plantations in the ground.*

2/ *Paul Toole... deserves pat on the back for securing big money for forestry development in New South Wales.*

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some new, perhaps creative plantations established.

Plenty of ideas are being batted around – shorter rotations, genetically improved trees and higher productivity timber yields that might all be on the table. So after years of not much happening new plantation-wise we might be able to see some trees being planted, How exciting!

So accolades to Paul Toole and his government. Can I humbly suggest that federal forestry enthusiast and

listening Richard?

Most certainly here in southern NSW the prospect of additional pine plantations will have a galvanising effect on local businesses and communities – perhaps another production line in the Visy mill, the confidence to invest in sawmilling upgrading and further product innovation to support Xlam's plant at Wodonga, additional jobs... and so on and so forth.

So Minister Toole's funding package will be a great morale booster and catalyst for the Forestry Corporation and others to finally commit to new plantations both here around Tumut and elsewhere in NSW – setting an example for other states and the federal government to follow.

Do I hear your vote of support?

Catch you next time.

Cheryl

recently reappointed forestry minister Richard Colbeck tears a leaf out of Paul Toole's play book and also subscribe to supporting plantation expansion.

I think the Labor Party are making noises in that direction. Are you

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Environment Minister says tree plan has key role in climate change targets

THE federal Environment Minister Melissa Price says the federal government's commitment to plant one billion new trees over the next decade will play a key role in meeting Australia's climate change targets.

Speaking on ABC Radio, Ms Price said she was pleased that the growing plantation estate initiative was identified in the national forest industries plan.

AFFA CEO Ross Hampton

“WE CAN DO A LOT MORE WITH THE RIGHT GOVERNMENT POLICY SETTINGS

said: “Furthermore, it was noted in a column by environment editor Graham Lloyd that ‘support by the Australian government for plans to plant one billion trees to reboot our plantation timber industry has received scant attention, yet this measure could achieve about one-quarter of Australia’s Paris targets, while creating an estimated 18,000 jobs’”

Mr Hampton said AFFA would continue to spread the positive message about the new national plan and the multitude of economic and environmental benefits of planting more trees.

Meanwhile, last week's release of the Intergovernmental Panel on



Melissa Price... commitment to plant one billion trees key climate change strategy.

Climate Change (IPCC) report, ‘Global Warming of 1.5°C’, should serve as a timely reminder that Australia’s forest industries are providing a major contribution in the fight against climate change.

“But they can do a lot more with the right government policy settings,” says FWPA CEO Ross Hampton.

Earlier this year, AFFA released ‘18 by 2030 – Forest industries help tackle Australia’s climate change challenge’, a strategy aimed at maximising the emissions reduction potential of the forestry sector.

The phrase 18 by 2030, refers to the commitment that Australia’s forest industries can be responsible for removing an additional 18 megatonnes of CO2 equivalent each year from 2030, with the right government policy settings. With the federal government

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Hyne announces major GLT expansion

HYNE Timber has announced a significant expansion to its glue laminated timber (GLT) manufacturing capability in Maryborough, Queensland.

Already a significant manufacturer of GLT in addition to softwood timber products, this expansion investment with the support of a Queensland Government Jobs and Regional Growth Fund will launch the company into a globally competitive

product offer.

The new manufacturing plant will accompany the existing plant in Maryborough's industrial estate which is now in its 40th year of production.

This announcement comes as engineered timber manufactured from plantation softwood is increasingly preferred for larger-scale commercial and residential

construction projects due to its superior sustainability and environmental credentials.

CEO, Jon Kleinschmidt said increased GLT manufacturing capability has been on Hyne's horizon for a number of years; a Queensland government grant had accelerated this investment.

"GLT is the talk of the design and construction industry, but a lack of

competitive Australian supply options has prevented many projects from using it," Mr Kleinschmidt said.

"Increased capability here in Australia will be a game changer for the construction sector and a very positive area of growth for Maryborough."

Construction of the new plant is expected to commence within a matter of weeks.

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committed to reducing emissions by 26-28% on 2005 levels by 2030, Australia needs to be removing 79 megatonnes of greenhouse gases from the economy per year by 2030. Forest industries can deliver 18 of that 79 megatonnes goal.

"With government focus

on growing our plantation estate and ensuring existing plantations are replanted, encouraging more wood in construction, the use of more biofuels for transport, bioenergy in industry and biomass in powers stations, Australia's forest industries can make an enhanced contribution to fighting climate change," Mr Hampton said.

"Australia's forest plantation estate already stores 171 megatonnes of carbon, which equates to 628 megatonnes of CO2 equivalent. We can do more with the right government policies."

The 18 extra megatonnes removed by forest industries each year is the equivalent of taking three million cars

off the road for a year, or the emissions removed by 4200 wind turbines in a year.

"With Australia and the world still looking for solutions to tackle climate change, governments should do more to harness the positive impact of forestry in combating global warming," Mr Hampton concluded.

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Management and public policy

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