

NSW Forestry Industry Roadmap

The NSW Government's vision is that NSW will have a sustainably managed forest estate that underpins a dynamic, economically efficient forestry industry, which continues to support regional economies and delivers social and environmental benefits.

The NSW Forestry Industry Roadmap is a strategic action plan to build a stronger, more competitive and ecologically sustainable forestry industry. The NSW forestry industry is facing a number of significant state wide and regional challenges, including resource and regulatory uncertainty in the native forestry sector, and resource uncertainty in the plantations sector. The NSW Government has developed a clear vision and Roadmap to ensure the forestry industry is economically viable and sustainable into the future. The NSW Government has also determined a set of guiding principles, which will be applied to decision-making in relation to forest policy and regulation in NSW, to ensure whole of-government consistency with the NSW Forestry Industry Roadmap. The NSW Government will deliver the Roadmap through strategic actions grouped under the following four pillars. The Roadmap is not about expanding or decreasing productive native forestry areas.

PILLAR 1: Regulatory modernisation

The NSW Government will implement a modern regulatory framework for the NSW forestry industry that ensures industry is ecologically sustainable.

SHORT TERM

(now until January 2017)

1. Independent review of **Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals** (IFOAs) by the Natural Resources Commission.
2. Review the regulatory arrangements for both public and private native forestry and develop a modern and simple regulatory framework that is in line with the **Independent Biodiversity Review Panel Recommendations**.
3. Commence public discussion around a future review of the **Private Native Forestry Code of Practice**.
4. Targeted consultation on the proposed **new native forestry regulatory framework**.
5. Public consultation on a draft new **Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval**.

MEDIUM TERM

(2017 and 2018)

1. Commencement of the **new native forestry regulatory framework**.
2. Public consultation and finalisation of the review of the **Regional Forestry Agreements and NSW Forest Agreements**.
3. Commencement of **modernised penalties and regulatory tools for native forestry offences**.
4. Commencement of the new **Coastal Integrated Forestry Operations Approval**.
5. Commence review of the **Private Native Forestry Code of Practice**, with full public consultation.
6. Commencement of a review of **Integrated Forestry Operations Approvals** for Brigalow-Nandewar, South Western Cypress and Riverina Red Gum, with full public consultation.
7. The Forest Industries Taskforce will review options and prepare a report considering national and state policy settings in the haulage and transport sector. In identifying gaps or inhibitors to forestry transportation, the Taskforce will include recognition of modernisation in the sector, especially relating to safety.

LONG TERM

(2018 and beyond)

1. Commence new **Private Native Forestry** code following public consultation.
2. Development of **harvest and haulage standards** with public consultation.
3. Develop options for the renegotiation of the RFAs with the Commonwealth.
4. Statutory review of **Plantations & Reforestation Act and Regulation**.

PILLAR 2: Balancing supply and demand

The NSW Government will balance resource supply and demand to increase business confidence and promote investment.

Key actions

1. Commissioning a comprehensive and independent review of current coastal Native Wood Supply Agreements by early 2017.
2. Working with industry as a matter of priority to examine and resolve North Coast hardwood Wood Supply Agreement concerns by early 2017.
3. Renegotiating expiring Native Wood Supply Agreements to provide certainty and stability for all stakeholders into the future, while ensuring the supply of timber continues to remain ecologically sustainable, with renegotiations to commence end of 2016.
4. Releasing a discussion paper that will identify barriers to investment in new softwood and hardwood plantations and developing options for their removal. The NSW Government will work closely with the NSW Forest Industries Taskforce to finalise the terms of reference for this discussion paper, prior to it being released for public consultation in early 2017.
5. Improving timber resource and environmental modelling.

PILLAR 3: Community understanding and confidence

The NSW Government will aim to improve community acceptance of the forestry industry as a sustainable and renewable industry.

Key actions

- ✓ Working with the community to deliver and enforce a credible, effective and transparent forestry regulatory framework.
- ✓ Convening a forum to inform a community awareness program to identify opportunities to improve acceptance of forestry as a sustainable and renewable industry.
- ✓ Providing consumers with the information they need to confidently choose a sustainable NSW timber product, through the development of practical (online) tools, published research and participation in public consultations about NSW forestry policy and regulation.
- ✓ Efficient and transparent monitoring of state forests to determine the effectiveness of the IFOAs at achieving their objectives.

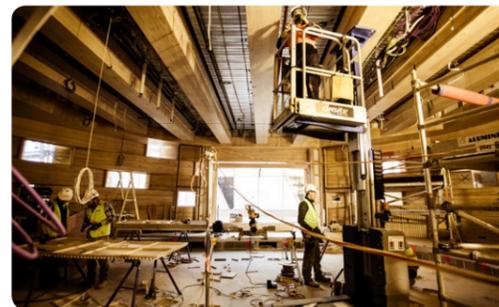
PILLAR 4: Industry innovation and new markets

The NSW Government will support industry innovation and exploration of new markets for forest products.

Key actions

- The NSW Forest Industries Taskforce will identify opportunities and put forward recommendations on:
- ✓ a plan to foster innovation and entrepreneurship.
 - ✓ identifying new markets for forest products with a focus on the low carbon economy.
 - ✓ working more closely with planning and construction sectors to promote NSW timber building products.

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NSW Forestry Industry Roadmap: key actions

State-wide

1. Develop options for the renegotiation of the RFAs with the Commonwealth
2. Improve timber resource and environmental modelling
3. Review the regulatory arrangements for both public and private native forestry and develop a modern and simple regulatory framework
4. Commence modernised penalties and regulatory tools for native forestry
5. Build community understanding and confidence in the forestry industry
6. Seek stakeholder input on Private Native Forestry Code of Practice
7. Commission an independent review of native forest Wood Supply Agreements
8. Support innovation and new markets including the carbon economy
9. Develop new native forest harvest and haulage standards with public consultation
10. Renegotiate expiring native forest Wood Supply Agreements

Plantations

1. Review barriers to investment in new plantations
2. Discussion paper on new investment in new long rotation plantations
3. Periodic review and update of Plantation & Reforestation Act and Code
4. Support innovation and new markets including the bio and carbon economy

Cypress

1. Conduct a review of the cypress sawlog resources
2. Develop new native forest harvest and haulage standards
3. Support innovation and new markets including the carbon economy
4. Review IFOAs for Brigalow-Nandewar and South Western Cypress forests

North Coast

1. Work with industry to investigate and resolve concerns with North Coast timber supply contracts
2. Complete a review of coastal IFOAs
3. Develop new native forest harvest and haulage standards



Red Gum

1. Support innovation and new markets including the carbon economy
2. Build community understanding and confidence in the forest industry
3. Develop new native forest harvest and haulage standards
4. Review IFOAs for Riverina Red Gum forests

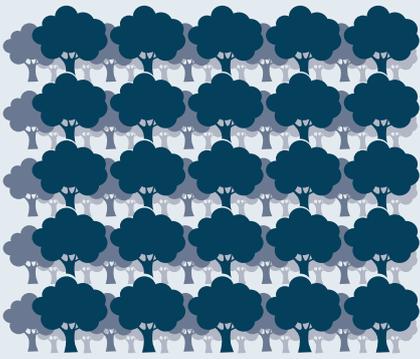
South Coast

1. Complete a review of coastal IFOAs
2. Develop new native forest harvest and haulage standards
3. Renegotiate expiring native forest Wood Supply Agreements
4. Assist industry through its transition to a smaller resource and maximise the opportunities of the carbon economy

- City/Town
- Major native hardwood forest
- Plantations
- Cypress forests
- Major River red gum forests
- Australian Capital Territory

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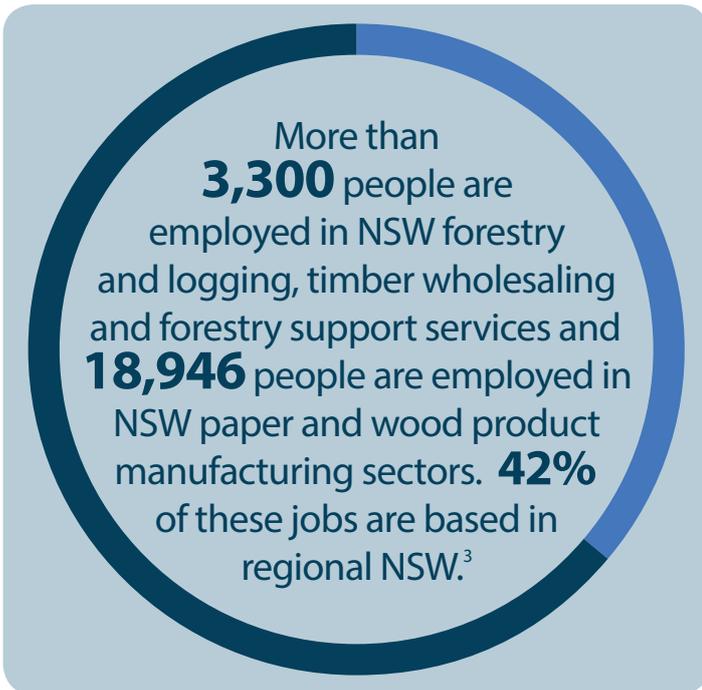
More than **100 years**
of forestry in NSW



\$2.4 billion
NSW forestry and wood product
manufacturing industry¹

Softwood plantation
sector industry value:
\$1.924 billion

Native forestry sector
industry value:
\$465 million²



Sourcing more timber
locally will benefit our
**local industry, boost our
regional economies and
help keep the carbon
footprint below** that of
other building materials
such as steel and concrete.

¹ ABARES, Australia's State of the Forests Report 2013; ² ABARES, Australia's State of the Forests Report 2013; ³ ABARES, Australia's State of the Forests Report 2013; ⁴ NSW Department of Planning <http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/~media/Files/DPE/Factsheets-and-faqs/sydney-metropolitan-population-household-and-dwelling-projections.ashx>; ⁵ Forest Industry Advisory Council (2015), a Strategic Directions Issues Paper, <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/forestry/fiac-issues-paper.pdf>

The NSW Government encourages all stakeholders to participate in the consultation processes as we embark on this long-term journey of transformation. For more information, visit:

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